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Sheikh Saad to meet Reagan on July 12

DURING his forthcoming visit to the United States, HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will have talks with President Reagan, and give several interviews to the media.

The Crown Prince will also meet a number of American cabinet officials and Congressmen to discuss bilateral issues, and the situation in the Gulf.

Sheikh Saad will visit the US from July 10-14 on an invitation from Reagan.

Sheikh Saad will meet Reagan on July 12 and have lunch with him.

This will be Sheikh Saad's first visit to Washington.

Interviews

Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States, Sheikh Saud Nasser said that a number of television stations and leading newspapers in America wanted to interview Sheikh Saad, due to Kuwait's proximity to the Iraq-Iran war, its support for peace, and its firm stand in countering international terrorism.

The premier has agreed to give these interviews due to the critical phase the region is passing through and to enlighten the world on the position of Kuwait.

He will also meet Kuwaiti students studying in the US.

Efforts to implement UN resolution to be intensified

GCC will work for Gulf peace

JEDDAH, June 5, (AP): Foreign ministers of six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states pledged today to intensify efforts for implementing a United Nations resolution demanding a ceasefire in the 7-1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

A communique issued at the end of a two-day meeting of the GCC's ministerial council declared it has taken steps "it hopes will contribute to easing tension and lead to implementation of the resolution." It did not elaborate.

Hope

The council is chaired by Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, Prince Saud Al Faisal, and comprises his counterparts from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

The council expressed the hope that Tehran will "respond seriously to the international efforts so that peace, security and stability prevail in the region in the interest of all parties."

The UN Security Council passed the resolution last July 20. Iraq said it would abide by the resolution if Iran did.

But Tehran has failed to give

an unequivocal response insisting that Iraq must first be branded the aggressor.

The communique noted: "The council renewed its determination to work with all force to secure implementation of the resolution and in this connection, the council will increase its contacts and intensify its efforts to resort to all necessary steps to guarantee implementation of the resolution."

"The council reiterates its firm stand on the necessity for a peaceful solution... that preserves the legitimate interests of the two parties and opposes expansion of the area of hostilities," the communique said.

Praise

It praised Iraq for its recent military successes in recapturing territory seized earlier by the Iranians and said this would help the international peace effort.

The meeting was intended to co-ordinate strategy during the Arab summit that opens in Algiers Tuesday, with the Palestinian problem the main item on the agenda.

The summit is also expected to deal with other issues such as the

Gulf war, Lebanon's civil war and moves to reinstate Egypt in the 22-member Arab League.

The communique expressed the hope the summit will achieve "comprehensive Arab reconciliation that erases conflicts and provides a comprehensive and constructive co-operation that places the supreme Arab interests above other considerations."

Support

The Arab League suspended Egypt's membership because Cairo signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1979.

In his opening address, Saud stressed Arabs' "sacred duty" to support the six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Hestressed the need for a "well studied" Arab plan of action to boost the impact of the uprising and help Palestinians attain an independent homeland.

Despite Saud's opening remarks, the Palestinian issue was given secondary priority in the communique.

Saud said the uprising "should pave the way for a serious move

to attain the just and lasting solution to the Palestinian problem, indicating support for an early solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

But the communique merely pledged continued GCC "political and material support to help the uprising attain its objectives" and expressed "pride in its valiant steadfastness."

Saudi Arabia is the year's chairman of the GCC, a security and economic alliance.

The Algiers summit is expected to devise a collective stand on US Middle East peace proposals.

Delegated

The communique said that Saud was delegated to sign an economic co-operation pact between the GCC and the European Economic Community to facilitate EEC imports of GCC petrochemicals.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier, Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned home today after attending the GCC meeting.

On arrival at Kuwait Sheikh Sabah said the council viewed with admiration the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands.

Interim government should be formed in Afghanistan: Zia

From Ashraf Shad in Islamabad

PRESIDENT Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan has said he believes that an interim government should be formed in Afghanistan comprising all the factions (of mujahideen).

The share in the government should be based on the influence and the level of power wielded by each faction, he told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview.

On Pakistan's stand on the present Afghan government, the President commented that it still remains unchanged.

He said: "We do not recognise the Najib government and see no effective role of Najib in the future government."

However, he felt that if an agreed interim government were formed, then the present ruling party should be considered for inclusion — even if such representation were 20 per cent.

Propaganda

Zia said: "The last word has not been said about Afghanistan, that is yet to come."

Describing as mere propaganda the reports that Afghan mujahideen have intensified attacks, he said the mujahideen have only captured areas vacated by Soviet forces. He does not believe that the mujahideen will try to disrupt the withdrawal of the Soviet troops.

The Soviet forces started to leave Afghanistan from May 15 under a United Nations-mediated accord signed in Geneva.

On the question as to how long

the Najib government will last, the president said it was difficult to give any date at this stage. He commented that the actual strength of the Najib government could not be estimated until Soviet withdrawal was completed.

Refugees

He said the repatriation of Afghan refugees will depend on how the Afghan situation developed "between now and the next five or six months."

"It is a big logistic exercise."

There are over three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan. He said if the situation remains calm the refugees may start returning after five or six months. "But if another civil war starts then more refugees may come to Pakistan," Zia said.

Relations

He said he still regards the withdrawal of the Soviet forces as the miracle of the 20th century.

He described claims that Pakistan is regarded by the United States as a frontline state as false. "After the Geneva accord we foresee not only the continuation of relations between Pakistan and the US on firmer ground but also a very good relationship with the Soviet Union," he said.

"It is in the interest of Pakistan to have friendly relations with Soviet Union."

He said Pakistan wants to bring the relationship with Soviet Union at least to the same level as they were two years ago.

He added: "The relationship with the US is not dependent solely on the Afghan issue. There are other factors of this friend-



Zia: miracle

ship, which will continue until the interests of both the countries are served.

Zia said India's recent move to play a role in Afghanistan might be well intended.

"India's intention may be good but it cannot be viewed innocently in Pakistan," he said.

He also revealed that India had told Pakistan that on the Afghan issue they could only give a silent support, as they would not like to talk against Soviet Union.

Denying that Pakistan is helping the separatist Sikh movement, Zia said there is no imminent danger on the borders. "India shouldn't try to make the relations worse," he said.

"We should not let it go out of hand, because Pakistan is not involved in this."

Economy

Rather, he said, Pakistan feels that India is involved in the subversive activities in Sind.

The President said India did not agree to a Pakistani proposal to sign an accord of non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

He said that during martial law rule, between 1977 and 1984, he had tried to make the economy of Pakistan stable.

On the explosion at the Ojhri

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Iran sends raw recruits to front

MANAMA, Bahrain, June 5, (Agencies): Thousands of raw Iranian recruits left homes in 18 cities for the warfront today as Tehran's new military commander received blessings from the holy men of Qom and prepared for a new land offensive which could determine the rest of the Iraqi-Iranian war, officials and diplomats said.

The Tehran Radio said in a broadcast, thousands of fresh Iranian volunteers known as basejis left for the front from 18 Iranian cities amid colourful celebrations that included the ritual slaughter of sheep and the chanting of anti-American slogans.

Iran began its June 5 mobilisation to commemorate the 25th anniversary of a bloody 1963 uprising in Tehran ordered by supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini to topple the late Shah and crush his secular "white revolution."

Unclear

It was not immediately clear which part of the 750-mile (1200-km) front the Iranians were reinforcing. Iranian troops still hold strategic strips of border territory in Iraq's northernmost province of Kurdistan and could launch an offensive there.

Tehran has fared less well on the southern front where in successive lightning offensives in April and May, Iraq recaptured from Iran the Faw peninsula and

the Salamehah border region east of Basra.

Diplomats said Parliament Speaker, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, appointed on Thursday Iran's acting military commander to reverse battlefield setbacks, needs a victory to boost lagging Iranian morale.

Meanwhile, Iraq today said its warplanes attacked a bridge in western Iran used by Tehran's military to supply the Gulf warfront, the Iraqi News Agency, INA said.

The agency said the Taleh Zang bridge, north of the western Iranian city of Dezful, was attacked in the morning and all planes returned safely to base.

Call

In Baghdad, a senior Chinese official was quoted as calling for the immediate implementation of UN Security Council resolution 598, which calls for a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

The newspaper, Al Thawra, quoted Li Shi Min, a visiting member of the politburo of the Chinese Communist Party, as saying that "China supports the UN resolution and calls for its immediate implementation."

The newspaper added that Li informed Iraq that China supports the implementation of the resolution in its entirety "as an appropriate basis for bringing about a just and comprehensive settlement of the Gulf war."

Israel on a 'dead-end street'

Shultz warns of a new Mideast war

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 5, (Reuters): US Secretary of State George Shultz, returning to Israel on his fourth peace mission this year, warned today of a danger of a new Middle East war and criticised Israel's continued occupation of Arab land.

In the gloomiest statement since he launched his peace plan in February, Shultz said at Tel Aviv airport: "Demographic and economic problems are becoming more serious."

Challenge

"The proliferation of long-range missiles and chemical weapons threatens to make future conflicts that much more destructive. Indeed the next war..."

He paused, then said: "Let us not have a next war."

Before meeting Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at the start of a seven-hour visit, Shultz

pointedly challenged the right-wing Israeli leader's refusal to trade occupied territory for peace.

"The continued occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and the frustration of Palestinian rights is a dead-end street. The belief that this can continue is an illusion," he said.

After visiting Amman and Cairo yesterday, Shultz said Jordan was unwilling to enter negotiations without an assurance that Israel would make territorial concessions.

Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc regards the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip as part of the historic land of Israel, a key to Israeli security, and not a subject for negotiation.

At least 210 Palestinians and three Israelis have died in a six-month-old Arab uprising against Israeli occupation.

Shultz seemed keen to drive home to Israelis the risk of war if they opted for intransigence.

"We want to avoid any war that will be unlike any conflict we've seen before, involving more casualties and proving harder to contain. These realities increase the stakes dramatically for regional parties and lay to rest the notion that time works in favour of accommodation," he said.

Report

At his 75-minute meeting with Shamir, Shultz reported on the outcome of last week's Moscow summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

US and Soviet officials have said Moscow and Washington have moved closer on Middle East peace efforts but still differ over the role and powers of an international peace conference.

In remarks to reporters, Shamir expressed gratitude for the American briefing and for the signing of a US-Israeli memorandum of agreement.

Shultz's stalled peace plan calls for a largely ceremonial international peace conference to launch direct Arab-Israeli talks on Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories, with early negotiations on the final status of the areas.

Shamir rejects the peace conference. Arab states want a fully-powered conference attended by all parties including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the occupation zone.

Palestinians set tyres ablaze and flew PLO flags in the occupied lands today on the third day of a general strike called to protest the Shultz visit.

Student accused of terrorism released

KUWAIT has released a teenager accused with four of his countrymen of bombings and plotting assassinations, state court officials said yesterday.

The sources said 15-year-old Mohammed Ibrahim Abbas Jaafar, a secondary school student, was freed after he testified at a closed-door session of the trial on Saturday.

No reason was given for his release, but informed sources said it was probably due to the youth's age.

The trial of the remaining four defendants — identified as Suleiman Abbas Jaafar Zainal, Hassan Ibrahim Mohammed Hussein, Ibrahim Abbas Jaafar Zainal and Ahmed Hassan Khamis — will resume in Kuwait's tightly-guarded security court on Wednesday.

Absconding

Khamis is still at large. The five were charged with bombings, possessing weapons and explosives, planning to kill state security officials and using force against prison officers.

Kuwait has blamed pro-Iranian militants for dozens of bomb blasts during the past few years.

Two Kuwaitis were killed as they attempted to plant a bomb on May 19. Other bombs damaged the office of an American car hire firm on May 7 and wrecked the office of Saudia airlines on April 27.

Libya raps US

ROME, June 5, (AP): The official Libyan news agency JANA today denounced the US government for saying groups supported by Libya were the "prime suspects" in a spate of recent attacks against Americans and US facilities around the world.

The agency, monitored in Rome, denied the allegations it claimed were made to undermine Libya, hinder Arab unity, and to force Libya to retreat from its "support of the massive popular revolution in occupied Palestine."

US State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said in Washington on Friday that groups have received support from Libya are prime suspects in recent attacks against US and Western European interests.

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Falaka: 29°C 84°F

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Falaka: 41°C 106°F

Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 35 per cent

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Falaka: 39 per cent

Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 45 per cent

Ahmed: 35 per cent

Falaka: 40 per cent

Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 52 per cent

INTERNATIONAL

18 hostages held in south Beirut, says UK paper

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): A British newspaper said today that 18 Western hostages, including British church envoy Terry Waite, were being held in a former school building in south Beirut by Iranian-backed Hezbollah officers.

The Mail on Sunday quoted officials of the Syrian-backed Amal militia as saying the hostages were brought to the building during recent fighting in south Beirut.

It said Amal informers saw two Iranian diplomatic cars with blackened windows bringing blindfolded men to the building. The newspaper printed a front-page photograph of the partly ruined concrete building it dubbed a "Hostage Hilton" and said Waite, missing since January, 1987, was held along with others in tiny, dank basement cells.

The whole area has been partitioned into tiny cells, it quoted an Amal officer as saying. "We know that they are there and they are alive. But any attempt to take them by force will only result in bloodshed."

Secret
"The secret prisoners are sealed off from the others. Lebanese prisoners are held on the ground floor and the guards told us that even they are not allowed to go underground where the foreign hostages are held," the officer said.

Hezbollah officers guarded the building which flew an Iranian flag.

Waite, 50, disappeared in January, 1987, and is believed to have been kidnapped, like other British, US, Irish and West German hostages, by radical groups.

His captors have not publicly set any conditions for his release.

Algeria, Morocco reopen border

ALGIERS, June 5. (AP): The frontier between Algeria and Morocco officially reopened at midnight today as arranged under an agreement that re-established diplomatic links between the two North African neighbours 20 days ago.

Diplomatic relations were restored on May 16 and the reopening of the border was announced June 1 during a visit to Rabat, Morocco, by Algerian Interior Minister Hedi Khediri.

In announcing the opening of four border stations, two on each side, the official Algerian news agency said the "event confirms the will of both countries to reaffirm their fraternal ties and become good neighbours."

The border had been closed for more than a dozen years following a rupture in diplomatic relations provoked by Algerian support for the Polisario guerrillas, waging a war against Morocco in the Western Sahara.

Gunmen withdrawn to ensure presidential election

Lebanon prepares for polls

BEIRUT, June 5. (Reuters): The planned withdrawal of Amal fighters from Syrian-held areas in Lebanon is part of a calculated move to ensure presidential election take place, analysts and diplomats say.

Pro-Syrian political sources said the move was a Syrian-inspired one to help Damascus bargain for the withdrawal of Muslim and Christian gunmen from Beirut before the August elections.

Lebanon's Christian President Amin Gemayal is due to end his six-year term in September.

Defeat
Berri said on Friday he was withdrawing his estimated 30,000 gunmen from Syrian-controlled areas although he gave no date for the withdrawal to begin. He said some would be redeployed at Beirut's frontline.

Najib leaves for New York

Pravda blasts Pakistan

MOSCOW, June 5. (Reuters): The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda accused Pakistan's President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq today of inciting Muslim rebels to continue the Afghan war in violation of last April's Geneva accords.

The tough commentary was published as Afghan President Najibullah left Moscow for New York to attend a special United Nations General Assembly session on disarmament. He held talks with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday.

Pravda accused Pakistan of moving Afghan guerrilla bases from border areas to its interior in order to mislead UN monitoring personnel, and of deploying some rebel groups in southern Afghanistan instead of disarming them.

against the Christians, but the majority would be sent south to confront Israel.

Diplomats said the Amal's decision was an indirect admission of its military defeat by Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters in 22 days of battles at Beirut's southern suburbs which killed 500 people.

Hezbollah won 90 per cent of the southern suburbs during the fighting which ended on April 29 when Syrian peacekeeping troops took control of the battle-scarred streets.

Control
"Berri's move to re-deploy his militiamen was both clever and useful. Clever because it was an admission of the results of the fighting in the suburbs and useful because it presents a pretext to Syria to pressure other militias who refuse to give up their

arms," said one diplomat.

"Syria can now tell the Americans and the Christians that it has almost complete control of the Muslim part of Beirut and that the same should happen in the Christian East before the elections," said one source.

Syria — the main power broker in Lebanon — and Washington have been negotiating in the past months over political reforms in Lebanon to ensure smooth polls and US envoys have been shuttling between Beirut and Damascus.

Damascus has called for a new central administration to run greater Beirut, bringing the Muslim and Christian sectors under the control of the Lebanese Army and ending militia rule. Christian hardliners who run the Eastern sector of the city say they will accept a central admin-

istration only if Syria withdraws from the capital and if the election for a successor to the Christian President goes ahead as planned.

Negotiations

US State Department envoy April Glaspie was expected back in Syria and Lebanon within days to resume negotiations on paving way for the elections.

Diplomats say the latest talks will centre around reforms to give the majority Muslims more power in the political system dominated by Christians and set up the central administration for greater Beirut before the elections.

More than 4,000 Syrian troops deployed in the suburbs last weekend to end the battles which them control of all Muslim areas of the Lebanese capital.

Doctors warned against use of aspirin

CHICAGO, June 5. (AP): Doctors should be cautious in prescribing aspirin as a preventer of heart attacks until more research supports its value, the US Food and Drug Administration says.

Taking aspirin to prevent heart attacks may increase some people's chances of dying of other things, especially hemorrhagic strokes, the US government regulatory agency said in a commentary in *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The agency persuaded aspirin makers in March to refrain from promoting aspirin as a preventer of first heart attacks, at least for now.

A study published in January indicated an aspirin every other day reduced the risk of non-fatal, first heart attacks 47 per cent in 11,000 male doctors over five years, compared with 11,000 who took a non-aspirin substitute.

Aspirin tends to promote bleeding by reducing the ability of blood platelets to help form clots. Heart attacks usually occur when clots form in the arteries narrowing the heart and choke off its blood supply.

But aspirin may increase health risks for people who already have clotting problems, or for those who have high blood pressure, which puts them at increased risk for hemorrhagic strokes, the agency commentary said.

Strokes are the result of brain damage caused by bleeding in the brain or by blood clots; hemorrhagic strokes are those caused by bleeding.



● Australian Key Cotee waves to the crowd in Sydney after crossing the finish-line and setting a record for being the first woman to complete a solo, non-stop, unassisted circumnavigation of the world. (Reuters wirephoto)

68 killed in Soviet train explosion

MOSCOW, June 5. (Reuters): At least 68 people were killed and 230 injured yesterday when a Soviet freight train packed with explosives blew up as it entered a station, the official Tass News Agency reported today.

The blast in Arzamas, 400 km (250 miles) east of Moscow, hurled the train into the air, levelled 150 houses and gouged a 26-metre (80-foot) deep crater at the station, Tass said.

It said eight children were among the dead and 44 had required hospital treatment. It said some of the injured were in serious condition and the casualty toll was preliminary.

Killed
Deputy Prime Minister Genady Vederikov, sent to Arzamas at the head of a government investigating commission, said many of the victims had been killed while sitting inside vehicles stopped at a railroad crossing near the station.

"They were scattered like fluff," he told the government newspaper *Izvestia*. He said the cause of the accident, the worst on the trouble-plagued Soviet railways since a two-train crash killed 106 people last August, was not yet known.

Tass said three freight wagons with an aggregate capacity of 120 tonnes had been blasted into the air when the accident occurred at 9:30 am.

It said the train had been carrying industrial explosives intended for use in geology, mining and construction.

The blast brought down part of the station and set fire to wooden houses near the 53-metre (164-foot) wide crater. It damaged 250 buildings, in addition to those destroyed, leaving some 600 families homeless.

The windows of the Arzamas Communist Party building two km (1 1/4 miles) away were blown out and damage was caused to both a gas pipeline and city transport facilities.

Tass said 20 teams of surgeons were flown in from Moscow. Doctors were also brought in by helicopter from Gorky, a major industrial centre 65 km (40 miles) to the north.

Donated
As radio appeals went out and fire trucks raced to the scene, numerous residents donated blood. A field hospital was set up and military units sent in to help.

"Despite the scale of the tragedy, the town remains calm," Tass said. It said no chemical pollution had resulted from the accident and analyses had shown the air was safe to breathe.

The 14-man commission headed by Vederikov included officials from the Soviet Defence, Interior and Health ministries.

Three candidates remain as primary season ends in US

WASHINGTON, June 5. (AP): The presidential primary season ends on Tuesday in circumstances that scarcely seemed imaginable when it began four months ago.

Michael Dukakis stands ready to claim a non-brokered Democratic nomination and George Bush is on the defensive despite banishing his Republican rivals.

Democrat Jesse Jackson is the only other contestant left of 13 would-be presidents who started down the campaign trail last winter. But even his campaign manager concedes that Dukakis is likely to wrap up the party's nomination by the end of the week.

For the record, New Jersey, California, Montana and New Mexico are holding primary elections on Tuesday, with 366 Democratic convention delegates at stake and 265 up for grabs on the Republican side.

But Bush is unopposed, as he has been for weeks, and he skipped lightly through the final states on the calendar. Instead, he has spent the last several days trying to figure out how to end a downward spiral that has left him trailing Dukakis by double-digit margins in some national polls.

"I've never felt more relaxed, never felt more convinced we're on the right track," he told reporters late last week after four days of skulking sessions with aides and outside advisers.

The only suspense left in the Democratic primary campaign is whether Dukakis' expected sweep of the final four contests will give him the 2,081 delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

"I hope on Tuesday we will have won the nomination," says Susan Estrich, Dukakis' campaign manager.

The Massachusetts Governor intends to campaign extensively as the nominee-in-waiting in the weeks before the convention opens in July, as well as open serious talks with Jackson and select a running mate.

The hope among campaign aides in for a display of unity in the weeks to come from the other primary rivals, including Sen. Paul Simon, Richard Gephardt and Albert Gore Jr.

The Vice President will make an appearance at a "Unity 88" conference in Denver late next week, where Sen. Bob Dole, Rep. Jack Kemp and Pat Robertson — former rivals — also will speak.

Campaign manager Lee Atwater says Bush will use his trip to begin speaking out more forcefully against Dukakis and provide a "pretty good taste of the flavour of the campaign for the summer."

Bus-train crash

HARARE, June 5. (AP): A bus collided with a freight train at a railroad crossing near the capital, killing 16 people and injuring 56, police said today.

A police spokesman said nine bus passengers died last Saturday when the bus smashed into the train about 20 kilometres west of Harare.

Typhoid outbreak

ANKARA, June 5. (Reuters): An outbreak of typhoid fever and diarrhoea has hit southeastern Turkey and some tourist areas along the Mediterranean coast, health sources said today.

Thirty-seven people were suffering from typhoid fever and 5,000 from diarrhoea, mainly in the rugged and sparsely-populated southeast where sewage systems are poor.

Interim government

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camp in which more than a hundred people died in April, he said it is in the interest of the government that the inquiry report be made public.

"You cannot rule out that it is not a sabotage, so it is in our interest to tell the public. They should know that what had actually happened."

Gulf
On Iran-Iraq war he said, the situation is not yet as such that the war would come to an end. In his view both the countries have the stamina to continue the war and "until both have the political will to stop the conflict no third element can force them to do so."

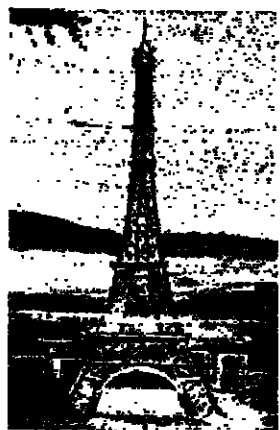
He said: "I think the UN is the best institution to mediate in the war and hope that the efforts of its secretary-general will bring positive results."

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Kuwait's stand hailed

LEBANESE Interior Minister Abdullah Al Rassi, yesterday hailed Kuwait's courageous stance during the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner by not giving in to terrorism.

The minister in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper said that he had given orders to Beirut's airport authorities to prevent the landing of the hijacked plane after leaving the Iranian airport of Mashhad.

Obstruct

Answering a question on the participation of some Lebanese citizens in the hijacking, he said investigations are still underway to find out, but till now we have no official information on the presence of Lebanese among the hijackers.

On Lebanese coming elections, he ruled out the possibility

of postponing presidential elections, affirming that they will be held in time this summer.

Meanwhile Al Rassi warned that Israel will try to obstruct the elections to retain their achievement in Lebanon, but said the Lebanese people with strong Syrian backing will resist this attempt.

The Lebanese officials said the would-be president should enjoy special characteristics and should believe in the Arab identity of Lebanon and its unity.

He has also to be able to dissolve all the militias on the Lebanese land, he added.

He concluded by noting that the Lebanese passports used in the assassination of deputy commander of PLO revolutionary armed forces Khalil Al Wazir last April 16 were forged.

Carmel School secures hundred per cent success

CARMEL School has secured a hundred per cent success in the X All India Secondary examination held in March 1988.

The following were the grades: 15 distinctions, 44 Division I, 22 Division II with over 50 students securing above 75 per cent in individual subjects.

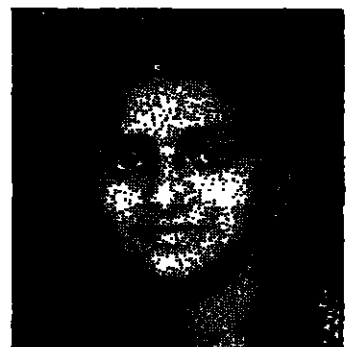
Anita Chugha was first with an aggregate of 87.2 per cent

Linta Samuel 85.6 per cent. Caroline Fernandes and Renu John Thomas 80.4 per cent and 80.2 per cent marks respectively.

The following students secured 89 per cent marks in English which are the highest in Kuwait — Anita Chugha, Carmen Sandra D'Souza, Anjana Shahani and Ansy Mary Abraham.



Anita



Linta

Distribution of housing plots

THE Public Housing Authority announced yesterday distribution of the last stage of residential plots in the South Rabia Housing Project for Kuwaiti applicants who applied not later than January 30, 1979.

This stage includes the distribution of 131 plots with area of 400 square metres. It is the second part of the project design.

ned to provide accommodation for 424 Kuwaiti families. The first part was distributed in February of this year.

The government of Kuwait, as part of its welfare policy, provides its citizens with deluxe housing units or allocates plot and extends loans for building on easy long term conditions.

Sheikh Zayed to attend Arab summit

ABU DHABI, June 5, (KUNA): United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan will leave for Algiers tomorrow to participate in the emergency summit which will commence Tuesday, it was announced here today.

UAE's President will head a delegation grouping, Supreme Council member and ruler of Umm Al Qaiw Rashid Bin Ahmed Al Maala, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Mana Saeed Al Oteiba, in addition to Minister of State for Interior Affairs Hammuda Bin Ali, and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah, and other senior officials.

Hussein-Peres meeting report denied

THE Moroccan embassy in Kuwait today denied Lebanese press reports claiming the Moroccan Premier Iz Al Adee Laraki conveyed a message to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak from King Hassan II on hosting a meeting bringing together President Mubarak, King Hussein of Jordan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Perez.

The Moroccan Ambassador in Kuwait Abdel Wahid Bin Mesoud told Kuna that his embassy "categorically denied the report."

He added that the claim "is derived from a source used to lie and publish fabricated news."

He declared that the source is trying at the same time to abort the sincere efforts aiming at unifying Arab ranks.

Municipality rejects request

THE municipality affairs committee at a meeting held recently, rejected a request by the Kuwait Company for Stores and Refrigeration Industry to utilise some plots allocated to the vegetable market in Al Shuwaikh area. Further, the director general of Kuwait Municipality disclosed that the municipality was working in close cooperation with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to add Al Rai area to the third plot at Al Shuwaikh industrial area and to remove the present food shops operating in the area.



Austrian President Kurt Waldheim receives a gift from Saudi Arabia's King Fahd (centre) in Riyadh yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Waldheim holds talks with Fahd

JEDDAH, June 5, (Reuter): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim enjoyed a glowing reception in Saudi Arabia today, forsaking controversy over his war record to discuss world issues with a sympathetic King Fahd.

He held more than two hours of talks with the king on the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Iran-Iraq war, Afghanistan and economic issues.

Foreign Minister Alois Mock and State Industry Minister Rudolf Streicher attended the talks, which a spokesman for Waldheim described as "very, very friendly."

Waldheim, under fire in the West over allegations linking him to war crimes, is respected by Arabs for his support for Palestinian rights while he was UN Secretary-General in the 1970s.

Expansion

He was warmly received in Saudi Arabia, only his fourth foreign trip since he was elected president two years ago, as an elder statesman who keenly follows issues in the region.

His spokesman said Waldheim hoped his visit would lead to an expansion of trade between Austria and Saudi Arabia, which has been in decline because of

recession in the kingdom and unfavourable currency rates.

Waldheim earlier toured the King Fahd Communications Centre, one of the Middle East's largest satellite ground stations and a major showcase project completed by a Dutch-Swedish joint venture.

He feasted on boiled lamb and rice, a bedouin speciality, on Saturday night at the king's new Al Salaam (peace) Palace after viewing its gardens and fountains on the Red Sea coast.

Praise

Saudi papers heaped praise on Waldheim for supporting Arab causes and standing firm against what they described as a Zionist campaign against him.

"They (Zionists) fought the man for his moderation, his loftiness and the clarity of his views and heaped accusations upon him, but he remains clear and confident of vision," wrote the Jeddah daily Al Madinah, calling him a hero.

An international panel of historians concluded last year that Waldheim knew about war crimes while he was serving with Hitler's Army in the Balkans during the Second World War. It left open the question of personal

guilt, which he has denied.

But Waldheim, 69, remains shunned by most Western leaders and has paid official visits as Austrian President only to Jordan, Pakistan and the Vatican.

"President Waldheim is a man who knows thoroughly the truth of world issues, with understanding and awareness and integrity," said the Jeddah daily Al Bilad.

Notable

"He enjoys a notable international place despite the attempt of world Zionism to defame him and settle old scores from when Waldheim was UN Secretary-General."

Fifteen leading businessmen representing engineering firms are travelling with Waldheim and held a working lunch on Sunday with top Saudi businessmen to try to cash in on political goodwill created by the visit.

Austrian exports to Saudi Arabia last year, at \$125 million, were only 30 per cent of their 1983 level.

The two countries agreed on a technical-economic cooperation pact in March during a visit to the kingdom by Chancellor Franz Vranitzky.

Saddam receives message from Egyptian President

BAGHDAD, June 5, (AP): President Saddam Hussein received Egyptian presidential envoy Osama Al Baz today, who gave him a message from President Hosni Mubarak.

The official Iraqi News Agency said the message and discussions between the two dealt with the six-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli occupied territories, the general situation in the Arab world and bilateral issues.

The agency did not elaborate. But observers pointed out it was significant that Mubarak's message followed his talks in Cairo on Saturday with US Secretary of State George Shultz.

Cairo was the first stop on Shultz's fourth tour of Middle Eastern states this year to sell his plan for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Excluded

Al Baz's visit also precedes Tuesday's opening of an Arab summit conference in Algiers. Egypt has been excluded from such pan-Arab conferences since the signing of the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in 1979.

Arab diplomatic sources said Mubarak's message to President Hussein may be linked to Egyptian efforts to persuade the Pales-

tine Liberation Organisation to show more flexibility toward the Shultz peace plan.

This provides for Palestinian self-rule, rejecting the PLO demand for self-determination and a separate Palestinian state.

GCC ports officials to meet

RIYADH, June 5, (KUNA): The 6th meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council ports officials will take place here next Tuesday.

A press release by the GCC said that the two-day meeting will discuss unification of tariff charges at the GCC ports and the minutes of the 5th GCC ports meeting.

It added that the meeting will also discuss the secretary general's memo on the interim report for studying transportation and land transportation company in addition to a memo on seminars for evaluation of the GCC ports performance.

The release explained that the 6th meeting of ports officials will review a recommendation by the general directors on competitive shipments.

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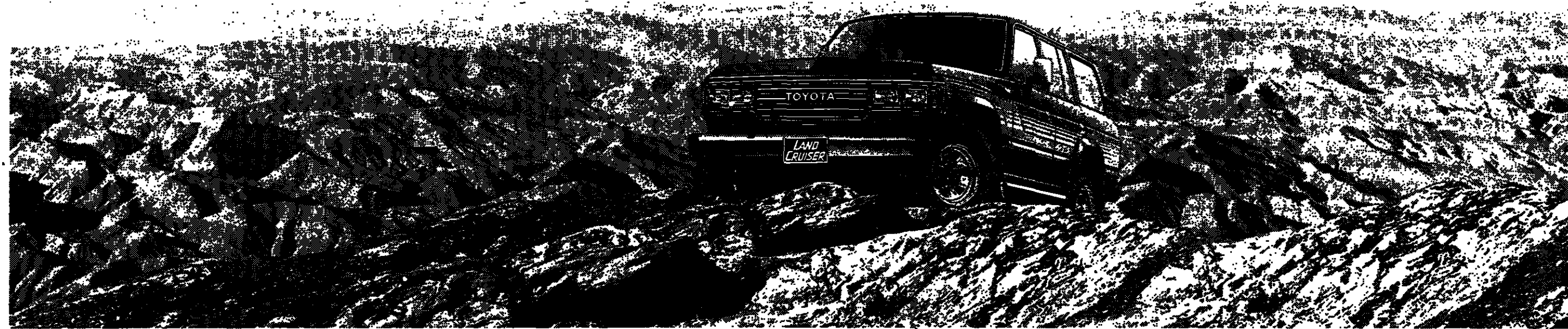
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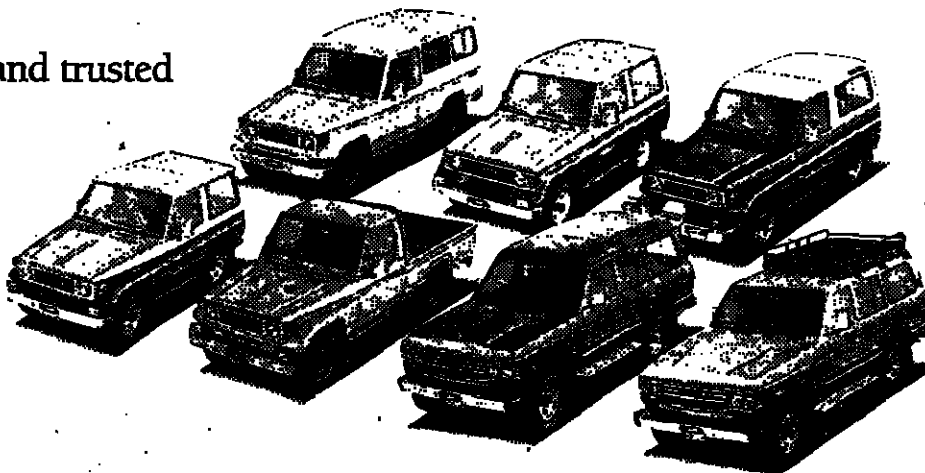
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Cabinet briefed on Arab summit delegation

THE Council of Ministers yesterday held its weekly meeting under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

Following conclusion of the meeting, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdulaziz Al Rashed stated that the conferees were informed about the formation of the delegation that will accompany HH the Amir during the forthcoming extraordinary Arab summit that will take place in Algiers next Tuesday.

The council hoped that the urgent Arab summit would yield fruitful results that materialise expectations and aspirations of the Arab people in finding unified stances towards facing challenges.

Al Rashed said the cabinet was briefed on the visit paid by head of the Lebanese progressive Socialist Party and Minister of Public Works and Communica-

tions last week, which came within the framework of fraternal relations between Kuwait and Lebanon and their keenness for restoring stability and sovereignty of Lebanon.

Furthermore, the conferees listened to a report by Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad about the visit paid by Bahrain's Information Minister Tariq Abdulrahman Al Muayid, Al Rashed added.

Environmental

Planning Minister Dr Abdulrahman Al Awadi reported on the outcome of the first meeting of the executive office of the Arab ministerial council responsible for environmental affairs in the Arab world which tackled during its deliberations last week in Tunis means of curing environmental problems besides other relevant matters.

The Council of Ministers also discussed a number of reports dealing with latest developments

on the Arab and international arenas and tackled outcome of contacts and consultations on the Arab level seeking coordination of efforts towards the success of the upcoming Arab summit.

Approved

Moreover, conferees took note of minutes of meeting no (9/89) of the committee for Municipality Affairs and discussed decisions adopted by the committee and ratified them.

Al Rashed stated that the Council of Ministers also approved resolutions taken by the permanent ministerial committee entrusted with following up implementation of rules and regulations of Kuwait's contribution in regional and international organisations and institutions.

A number of domestic matters were also discussed by the ministers who took necessary decisions about them, Al Rashed concluded.



● The Ambassador of Italy to Kuwait, Lucio Forattini, held a reception yesterday on the occasion of his country's National Day. The ambassador is seen receiving guests. (Picture by Ahmed Blouini)

Downward trend in summer exodus

THE annual summer exodus from Kuwait showed a downward trend during the past few years, particularly, during 1985. Statistics reveal travel business witnessed a drop of 41 per cent between 1983 and 1986.

The Central Bank economical report supports this finding. The revenue from expatriates travelling abroad dropped to about KD243 million in 1986. Statistics published by the Ministry of Interior confirm the number of expatriate travellers decreased by 55.2 per cent in 1986 compared to 1985.

Touristic and travel offices in Kuwait did not advertise their group tours. They claimed the new law governing such tours had restrictions causing a big delay in advertising. Additionally, the new law directed airline offices to confirm reservations on planes and hotels and required them to pay KD500 to the Civil Aviation Department for each group tour. This was to ensure reservations were in fact confirmed and to safeguard the interest of the travelling group.

Markets sources indicated travelling is mostly directed towards countries like Turkey and Egypt, followed by Greece, Cyprus, Malta, and some Arab states such as Tunis and Morocco. The cost of tourism had increased this year from 10 to 20 per cent and consequently a

large number of travellers had opted to live in flats instead of hotels.

The regional manager of the Jordanian Airlines, Suhail Azar expected a drop in the number of travellers from Kuwait to Amman during this summer. He said a big number of expatriates changed plans to go to the West Bank due to the popular Palestinian uprising. He added, the company will try to compensate for this drop by opening new routes.

Good start

Badi Khouri, a travel agent, said, this travelling season had a very good start with high sales. The drop in living expenses at some countries and the high exchange rate of the KD encouraged more residents to travel abroad. East European countries are not favoured by Kuwaiti travellers he added. He commented that his agency showed an increase in individual travelling but, a drop in family reservations. He believed the new law would force many "unprofessional travel offices" to wind-up business — leaving well managed agents to provide better services to travellers. Prices and rates would remain similar to last year he said.

However, Khalid Ibrahim Romana said this year's travelling season was not good as the last season, possibly, because of an early Ramadan.

Social services centre offers training courses

DR RASHA Al Sabah, the assistant rector for information and social services at Kuwait University, has said that the social services centre of the university offers various cultural services for the public as well as courses for trainees and workers in different sectors. She added that the centre had organised 50 special courses for different establishments and authorities since it was set up in 1976 and had served about 2,500 trainees. A further 70,000 people had benefitted from the different programmes and courses offered at the centre. She also praised the unlimited support given by the administration of the university to the centre.

Language

The centre — a pioneer in the Gulf area — offers programmes and courses which meet the needs of society and the local market as well as government and private establishments. The university covers about 50 per cent of costs. Dr Rasha added that any person

could register for the evening programmes.

Admission and registration are made in September for the fall session, in January for the spring session and in May for the summer session. The students should attend three hours a week and pass the required exams at the end of the session.

The centre offers language courses in Arabic, English, French, German, Spanish, Hebrew, Turkish, Farsi, Russian, Italian and Urdu. There are 18 programmes in business administration, accounting, statistics and insurance.

The centre also offers nine programmes of computer studies, three of secretarial sciences, four programmes of human sciences and three of law and sharia sciences. Dr Rasha also noted that 17 programmes of hobbies and life sciences were available.

Higher Housing Council reviews new law

THE Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah chaired a meeting of the Higher Housing Council which reviewed 16 articles of the new law of housing service according to information gathered by a local daily.

The law, consisting of 32 articles, was prepared by a committee comprising representatives of several ministries and establishments. Articles approved, include amendments on vital issues of the present law — especially those relating to granting houses to Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis and Kuwaiti divorced women. Indications are, that Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis, including divorced women, will again have the opportunity of submitting applications to obtain government housing which was temporarily suspended.

The council is shortly expected to review other articles before referring the draft law to the Council of Ministers for approval.

Al Jaberiya resumes flights to Bangkok

RELIABLE sources at the Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) have said their aircraft Al Jaberiya, which was hijacked last April, left Kuwait on Friday morning for its first flight to Bangkok since being hijacked. The sources added that Al Jaberiya had made many flights after being released, but to other destinations. A local daily learnt that 398 people had booked flights on the flight to Bangkok, although it only took 368 passengers. The captain of the plane for the flight was Hassan Taha, a Sudanese national, the sources said.

UAE official in Turkey

ANKARA, June 5, (Reuters): The Chief-of-Staff of Armed Forces in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), General Saad Al Badi Al Dhahri, arrived in Ankara today for talks with Turkish officials, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said.

He will meet Turkish Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff General Necip Torumtay and Defence Minister Ercan Yurulan before leaving on June 9.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Shultz's shuttle tour

KUWAITI daily yesterday warned against the current shuttle tour of American Secretary of State George Shultz, noting that it aims at aborting the uprising and save Israel's image.

Al Rai Al Aam recalled the previous American officials' tours to the region in the past years and said "all of those came and they have one thing in mind, and it is Israel's security, peace and predominance."

The paper hoped that during Tuesday's emergency Arab summit, the Arab leaders "would put this fact in mind."

The daily called on the Arabs to realise that the current Palestinian uprising has attracted attention and added new dimensions "that were not available earlier."

Call for military confrontation

ANOTHER Kuwaiti daily, Al Watan, yesterday stressed that the popular uprising in the occupied Arab lands is "an ideal response" to the Arab defeat in the war against Israel in June 1967, and called for military confrontation instead of the use of "stones."

The paper noted that the "tragic results" of this war, which is marked today, is still existing, indicating in that respect the sufferings of the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank residents from the Israeli occupation.

It elaborated that this war's anniversary coincides with the convocation of the emergency Arab summit, scheduled to be held today in Algiers, "after long months of the heroic uprising."

"Children, men and women in the occupied lands participated in the heroic struggle," the newspaper said and asked "will others participate in it too?"

Amir's message praised

KUWAITI weekly newspaper Al Ressaal, yesterday praised HH the Amir's message sent to the two superpowers that met in Moscow urging them to consider the world disputes in addition to the issues they were to discuss.

Al Ressaal in an editorial published yesterday expressed belief that the message in addition to reflecting a deep humanitarian dimensions also dealt with all issues of peace concern such as the Palestinian problem, the Lebanese crisis, the Gulf war and South Africa's racist policy.

The newspaper added that the message affirmed Kuwait's consistent responsibility toward our national causes in particular and the human issues in general.

Sheikh Ibrahim in agricultural co-operation talks in Jordan

AMMAN, June 5, (KUNA): Visiting Kuwaiti board chairman and director-general of Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duajj Al Sabah, today met with Jordanian Premier, Zaid Al Refai.

In the one hour meeting, promoting co-operation between the two countries and particularly in the fields of agriculture was discussed.

The meeting was attended by Jordanian Agriculture Minister, Marwan Al Hamoud and Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires here Fadhil Bu Ghaith.

Sheikh Ibrahim also met today with Deputy Premier and Education Minister, Thouqan Hindawi and reviewed promoting joint co-operation between scientific institutes in both countries.

Comprehensive talks are scheduled later today between Sheikh Ibrahim and the accompanying delegation and Agriculture Minister Marwan Al Hamoud and senior Jordanian officials from the Agriculture Ministry.

Sheikh Ibrahim who arrived here last night on an official one-week visit, is accompanied by a delegation comprising Deputy director-general of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in addition to a number of officials in the field of agriculture.

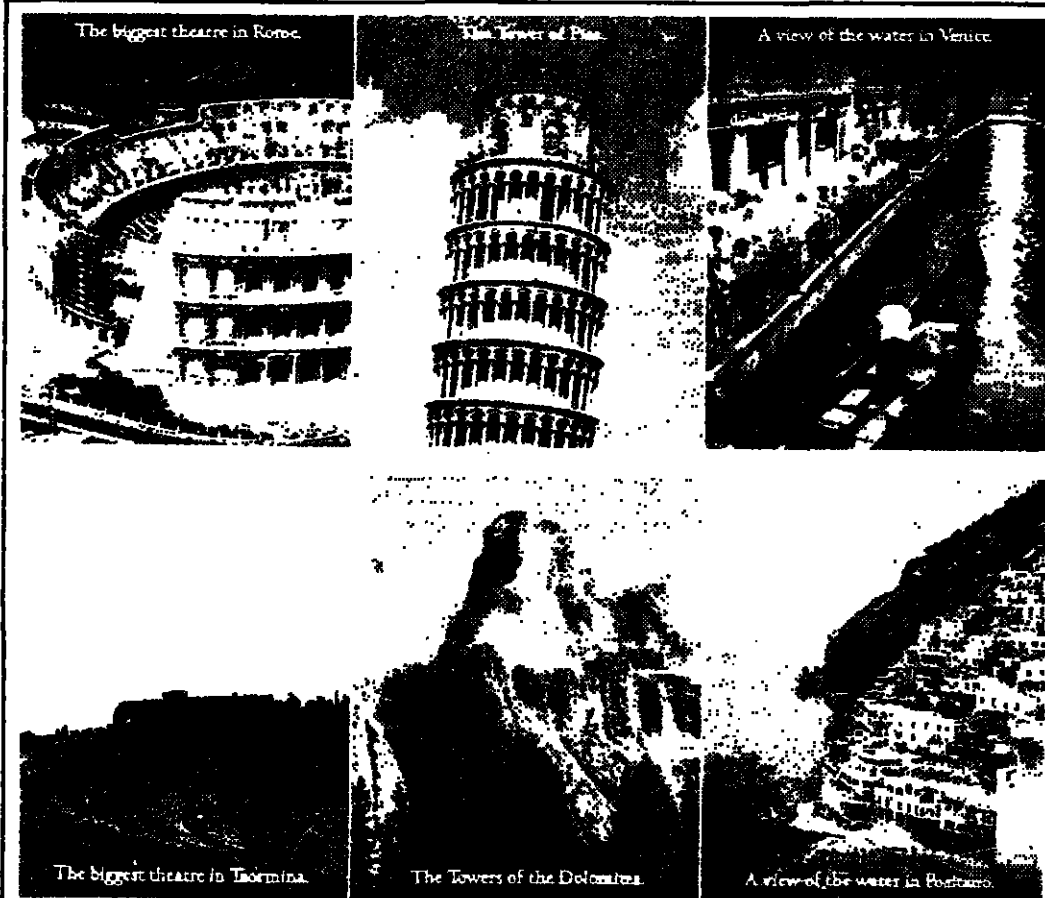
The visit by Sheikh Ibrahim is the first of its kind since the establishment of Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources in 1983.

Baby with two heads

A KUWAITI woman gave birth to a baby with two heads at a local hospital last March.

Doctors believe they can find a surgical solution to this problem, since what appears to be a second head is in fact something more like a fat, hairy bag, but they are trying to determine whether surgical removal would have any effect on the brain.

The baby's condition is reported to be stable and good.



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University enrolment

DR JAAFER ASEERI, assistant rector for admission and registration at Kuwait University, has said that enrolment and registration will start on June 18. He said that graduates from the credit-hour system could register immediately and that they had to collect the appropriate admission forms for completion and submission.

He pointed out that computer studies had been introduced into the curriculum as a separate subject where previously it had been combined with statistics at the Faculty of Science.

Drugs smuggling bid foiled

SECURITY men foiled an attempt to bring in the country a huge quantity of hashish and drugs, it was disclosed today.

Public relations department at the Interior Ministry said in a statement that intelligence people at the Jahra Governorate arrested six Turkish men and one Syrian with 222 hashish bags and two million pills of drugs in their possession.

The seven foreigners are being interrogated, the statement noted.

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The draw was supervised by the representatives of the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The draw, it was claimed, was not only the first of its kind in Kuwait, but in the Gulf itself. Prizes presented by the General Manager Foreed Al Oujan numbered 103 prizes and included a first prize of a Nissan Laurel car model 1988 — other prizes consisted of big refrigerators, video cameras, televisions, videos, food processors, mixers, cassafes, electric vacuums, washing machines and stereos.

Saud Al Oujan and Bros. Co., while congratulating the winners of the VIMTO competition hoped that all VIMTO loving people would enjoy the future competitions, in which they would be treated to the tasty flavour of VIMTO.

Raj Kapoor: the legend lives on

Raj Kapoor: greatest romantic

By Fathima Ahmed

RAJ KAPOOR is a man who was a legend in his lifetime — what more can you say about him? In death, he has created a void — but the legend survives, not only on celluloid but also in the minds of millions of fans spread around the world — from his native India to the Soviet Union, China, Iran and the US.

On Indian critic, after visiting Russia, said there are "three heroes (in Russia): Jawaharlal Nehru, Raj Kapoor and Indira Gandhi, and not necessarily in that order."

For four decades Raj Kapoor reigned supreme and set traditions rewriting the history of romance on and off screen. Undoubtedly, he was the greatest romantic of the Indian silver screen, both as actor and director.

His passion for romance was infectious. When Raj looked into Nargis' eyes he inflamed you with passion.

A recent article on Raj the entertainer in an Indian magazine says the Raj-Nargis association "is the stuff great screen legends are made of". Basmati, Awaraz, Shree 420 and Aag are some of films.

But it is the image of the Chaplinesque character of a lovable tramp of Awaraz that comes to mind each time you think of Raj Kapoor. Awaraz is one of the most memorable films from RK. His vulnerability and the little-boy-lost look in his blue, cat's eyes combined with his awkward gestures won over hearts. It is an image that lingers on; it has lingered in the minds of three generations of film-goers.

Raj's stinging social comments were wrapped in a neat package of high-voltage romance mixed with drama, music and dance. His obsession with women was obvious. He loved them, adored them, even worshipped them. He once remarked: "Women have always meant a lot to me." He also disrobed them; he did it aesthetically, and was never vulgar. The image of a sensual woman came into his films from Jis Desh Mein Ganga Behti Hai. In the late forties and the fifties, Raj's films were romanticised, partly due to his



Nargis with Raj: the chemistry worked, on and off screen

association with Nargis. A new kind of woman came to RK films with Padmini, a buxom beauty, whose uninhibited sexuality was translated into a raw sensuality by RK.

In Satyam Shivam Sundaram, Raj sets out to celebrate Zeenat Aman's seductive allure. The director takes full advantage of Zeenat's curvy form, exposing her as no other director ever did. Again, the disrobing is aesthetic. Yet, it did not do wonders for Zeenat's career. Nor for that matter did Raj succeed in his film venture, nor in exploiting Zeenat's sex appeal.

He didn't give up. In Ram Teri Ganga Maaili, he uses Mandakini's virginal sex appeal, creating the most talked about scene with Mandakini drenched in a white saree under a waterfall. The film, itself, was the love story of a rich boy and a poor village belle.

It was with Bobby that Raj set the trend for teenage romance. When Bobby (Dimple Kapadia) opens the door, a look of awe falling on her forehead with Raj's "stuck" on her fingers, looking "angelic and

innocent." Raj was immortalising his first meeting with Nargis — when she was 16. Bobby was an appealing love story. Dimple Kapadia became an overnight sensation. But Raj's son, Rishi, didn't.

The heady Bobby romance filled in the coffers for Raj, emptied by his autobiographical film Mera Naam Joker. Writes a columnist: "Joker... was an unabashedly autobiographical, the story of the many women who love, exploit and leave a circus clown. It was the classic concept of a joker — comedy with a substratum of pathos — which was what Kapoor liked to imagine he was in real life too."

It is said that Raj found it difficult to separate his real life from the real; the two merged, somewhere along the line. But he never let go of the tradition of film making, as one critic said "an enchanting mix of entertainment and sensitivity." A champion of the man on the street, he played several in such films as Shree 420, Jagte Raho, Boot Polish, Ab Dilli Door Nahin, Andaz, Bawre Nain, Dastan, Sargam, Chori Chori,



With Padmini: RK women got a more sensual image



Zeenat Aman in Satyam Shivam Sundaram.

Sharda, Anari, Phir Subah Hogi, Tesri Kasam.

With Sangam he set the tradition of filming overseas, going to Switzerland and other locales to shoot the romantic scenes. It is said he chose the film title — Sangam, a confluence of three rivers in India — to "set a tradition." A love triangle, it was to set the mood for scores of films to follow. None could capture the sensitivity of the man-woman relationship as RK did in San-

gam. RK was larger than life. So were his films, a mixture of fact and fantasy, embellished with lavish sets, costumes and scintillating music. In his later years, he titillated his audiences with his erotic fantasies, blending myth with reality.

RK is dead. But the legend lives on — through his films. All films are by courtesy of Asha Ari Video, Main St., Farwani. Tel: 4712900.



Some of the graduates.



Dr Bishara speaking to ASK graduates.

72 ASK students graduate

THE American School of Kuwait (ASK) recently held the 23rd Graduation Exercise at the Regency Palace Hotel. Seventy-two students graduated. The Class of '88 comprised of students of 18 nationalities. Eight of the graduating seniors have attended the ASK for the past 12 years. The seniors will attend

colleges and universities in nine different countries and 16 states in the US.

The main speaker at the ASK graduation exercise was Dr Abdullah Yacoub Bishara, secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council. A large number of parents, school sponsors and ministry officials attended.

Onam Festival

The Viswabharathi Theatres, Abbasia, will celebrate the Onam Festival on August 25. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those who are interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumpilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradeyil — 2422973.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ladies information group, Contact, will be held on June 11, from 10 am, at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

Badesik Re-union

The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait, Badesik, will hold an Eid re-union and a cultural programme, with dinner, on Friday, June 10, at the Meridian's Banquet Hall. All Bangladesh diploma engineers can take part. Tel: Altafur Rahman — 9015166; Ansar Ali — 4571603.

Eld Reunion

An eid reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Mesilah Beach Hotel, Al Amal Hall, at 7 pm on June 23. For details phone 4718157, 4311351; 3713923 after 3 pm.

United Goans Centre

The UGC will hold their annual "Summer Belle '88" contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

SPORTS

PBAK Bowling Tournament

The Philippines Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK) will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn hotel. The tournament will be held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The elimination rounds will be held on June 17 and 24. The semi-finals are on July 1 and the finals are on July 8. For registration contact PBAK Director Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons: Rablat Haul Al Alam
10.00 Good Morning
10.15 Shaqqah Bidoun Siqat: Arabic serial, starring Tahya Karioka, Dalal Abdul Aziz
11.00 News Summary
11.15 Ila Abi Wa Ammi Ma Tahya: featuring Hayat Al Fahad, Khalid Al Nafisi
12.15 Treasures of the Gulf
1.00 News Summary
1.05 World News via Satellite
2.30 Al Bahloul: ep.3, featuring Assam Sulaiman, Salah Qassas
3.35 Cartoons
4.20 Football
6.00 Mama Anisa and children
7.15 Alwan
7.35 Quran and Science: Alam Al Bahar. Prepared and

presented by Dr Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.
8.30 Souk Al Ghaz: daily serial, starring: Mohammad Saeed Shirin, Zuhair Numan.
9.00 News Summary
11.30 Hada Al Rajul Ahhabahu: Arabic film. Starring: Majeda, Yahya Shahin, Najma Ibrahim, Aziza Hilmi.
12.15 News Summary/Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Wildfire: "The Pixie Painters." Cartoons
6.30 Scuba World: this programme concentrates on the natural world.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world and local events.
7.30 Mr Belvedere: "Speechless." George is

elected "Man of the Year," a feat that apparently leaves him speechless.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "If it's Thursday, It Must Be Beverly." The deputy sheriff is not as innocent as he seems, as Jessica finds out after his wife's death.
9.30 National Geographic: "Land of the Tiger." A look at conversation efforts in the Land of the Tiger in India.
10.30 Hanlon: "Hanlon in Defence." Hanlon falls in love with a famous lawyer's daughter.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

FM Services

0800 Easy Listening
0830 News
0840 Easy Listening
1000 Songs and Music
1300 Easy Listening
1330 News
1400 Classical Music
1600 Easy Listening
1700 Latin American Hour
1800 Pops
1900 Heter Skelter
2000 Pops
2130 News
2145 Pops
2200 Jazz Sound
2300 Easy Listening
2400 Instrumental Music
0200 Closedown

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newswear
30 Religious Service
0100 News Summary followed by After Henry
30 Four Stories by Elizabeth Bowen (ex 27th The Racing Game)
45 A Schubert Anthology
0200 World News

09 British Press Review
15 Peebles' Choice
30 Science in Action
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Good Books
30 Anything Goes
0400 Newsdesk
30 Behind the Wall
45 Reflections
50 Waveguide
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Nature Notebook
45 Recording of the Week
0600 Newsdesk
30 Pillars of British Society
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Coca to Cocaine
0800 World News
09 Reflections
15 Behind the Wall
30 Anything Goes
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Good Books
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
45 Peebles' Choice
1000 News Summary followed by Pillars of British Society
30 The Village Chart Show
1100 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Sportsworld (ex 13th Tech Talk: 27th News Ideas)

25 (27th only) Book Choice
30 The Ken Bruce Show
1200 Radio Newswear
15 Brain of Britain 1988
45 Sports Roundup
1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Sportsworld (ex 6th Recording of the Week: 13th Anything Goes)
45 Sportsworld (ex 13th Anything Goes contd., 27th Jazz Scene UK)
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-minute News
45 6th and 13th Future Imperfect: 20th and 27th The Bishops Come to Luncheon
1500 Radio Newswear
15 Pillars of British Society
45 Weber
ALL TIMES GMT

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behiren Qaul
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ishamiat: Daur-e-Hazir
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Hamare Mehaman
2100 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Shaab Pharmacy
Fahad Al Salem St.
Ibn Rushd Pharmacy
Souk Duajj, Souk Al Kuwait Bldg.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Badar Pharmacy
Tunis St.
Salamiya and Rumaithiya
Al Maiden Pharmacy
Baghdad St., off Haroun Al Rashid St.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi
Al Khaleej Pharmacy
Mujammah St., F'heel
New Khaitan
Al Wahdah Pharmacy
Main St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Shark
Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro
Al Salmiya
Eat the Rich
Starring: Roland Allen
Al Hamra
Al Jad' al Talatha (Arabic)
Starring: Samir Ghanem, Roya Al Katib
Drive-In
Aad Liyantaqan (Arabic)
Starring: Ezzat Alaili, Imaan
Al Firdous
Maut Ki Ghati (Hindi)
Starring: Arjun, Rajani
Fahadheel Open-Air
Jheel Ke Us Paar (Hindi)

Al Fahadheel
War Time
Al Jahra
Callan
Granada
Tarzan the Apeman
Sulabikhar
Carry on Dick
Al Jeeb
Bedeem (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Desperately Seeking Susan

PRAYERS

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| Fajr | 3.13 am |
| Zuhr | 11.47 |
| Asr | 3.21 pm |
| Maghreb | 6.46 |
| Isha | 8.17 |

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Boushahri Gallery
Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic is open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., Salmiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm until June 9.

THEATRE

Bengali Cultural Society
The Society will present "Bichhan", a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 9, 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The play is part of celebration of the 40th Indian independence anniversary. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901806; 5621379.

KLT

KLT's musical Brigadoon will be performed at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8 and 9. Tickets — KD3; children — KD2. For reservations ring 3983724.

CINEMA

British Council
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a film for children, will be shown at the British Council at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10.30 am on June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is just an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approximate duration: 145 minutes.

SOCIAL

D'Assisi Association
The association will hold a social cum-entertainment evening on August 11 at Mesilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 6 pm.

Saaz aur Awaz
An Indian music group presents "Geeton Bhari Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funailes, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 after 5 pm.

Pakistan Youth Association

A mushaira will be held on June 9 at the home of Asim Naushad in Salmiya. The former councillor of Pakistan to Kuwait, Abdul Haque, will preside. Chief guests are Ustad Qaem Amrohi and Ghulam Wafa Sabri. For details phone 2410997.

Palestinian Show

Handmade Palestinian embroidery will be on show at the General Union of Palestinian Women, nr. Olympics Building, Jabriya, today — all day. Proceeds will be donated to the Palestinian women who made the items. Tel: 5339151.

NRI Meeting

The Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Annual General Meeting will be held at IAC, Funailes, on June 7, 7.45 pm. All NRI members and their wives are welcome. State Bank of India officials will give a talk on capital markets. A contributory dinner will follow.

Kuwait Players Ball

Kuwait Players "end of season ball" on Thursday, June 9, KD7 per person. For details phone 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

In charity, there is no excess — Francis Bacon, English philosopher-writer (1561-1626).

Seoul allows talks on reunification

By Lee Su-Wan

SEOUL, (Reuters): The staunchly anti-communist South Korean government is allowing free public debate about reunification of the Korean peninsula but remains secretive about any contacts it may have with the North.

Since elected President Roh Tae-Woo took office in February pledging democratic reforms, opposition politicians, scholars and the media have openly debated steps to unify the divided fatherland of 60 million Koreans. Under Roh's predecessor, the autocratic Chun Doo Hwan, debate on the subject was firmly quashed.

Reunification has also become one of the most important issues for South Korean student activists.

Roh has said he is convinced, important moves towards reunification will begin before his term ends in 1993.

In April, when tension between Seoul and Pyongyang was still high over the North's alleged bombing of a southern airline, Roh surprised the nation by saying his government was keeping contacts with the North through various channels.

Rumours

He did not elaborate and the few rumours of contacts since then have never been independently confirmed and have always been denied by the government.

The end of World War II in 1945 brought an end to Japanese colonial rule over Korea, but also saw the country divided by American and Soviet troops at the 38th Parallel.

The communist North and the capitalist South fought a war from 1950 to 1953 which ended in an armistice but no peace treaty. Tension along their mutual border has remained more or less high ever since, but now the South seems to be more conciliatory.

"We should reconsider the policy of isolating North Korea," South Korean Unification Minister Lee Hong-Koo

told reporters last week. "Emphasis should be put on co-operation, rather than on competition."

He said the rules for public debate on unification policies would be liberalised but the government must remain the sole channel for contacts with the North.

Ready

North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung said on May 27 that Pyongyang was ready for talks with the South on reunification but ruled out dealing solely with Roh's government.

He said in a speech welcoming Czechoslovakian Communist Party chief Milos Jakes that a North-South conference should be attended by all levels of society on both sides.

Hyon Hong-Choo, southern minister of government legislation and a close associate of Toh, said the Seoul government was devising a new approach towards North Korea.

"In the past what happened was the exchange of propaganda," Hyon told reporters. "The government thinks that is not the way for productive dialogue between the two sides. So instead of using all this propaganda, we will try to reach them and show them our sincerity."

Pressing

The North announced in January it would not attend the Seoul Olympics because its demands for joint hosting of the Games had not been met. The International Olympic Committee and South Korea both argue that co-hosting is against the Olympic charter.

Though the possibility of North Korean participation in the Games now looks very slim, opposition politicians in Seoul are pressing the government to make last-ditch efforts to coax the North to come.

On Tuesday one party leader, Kim Young-Sam, even proposed that "Roh's government help repay North Korea's foreign debt as part of an effort to persuade Pyongyang to change its mind."

Opportunity is Dukakis' campaign theme

By Michael Gelb

LOS ANGELES, (Reuters): Appealing to American idealism and optimism, Michael Dukakis says his goal as president would be to give all Americans a shot at a better life.

While emphasising the country faces problems that will require sacrifice, the Massachusetts governor conveys an overall sense of optimism by painting a bright American future.

The central theme is "opportunity" — a word almost guaranteed to show up a half dozen or more times in the typical Dukakis election campaign speech.

Beginning in January of 1989, we're going to build a future of hope and pride and opportunity," he says. "We're going to take charge of our economic future. And we're not going to stop until America is number one."

It is typical rhetoric from Dukakis, the self-proclaimed father of the "Massachusetts miracle" that saw unemployment in his home state drop from one of the country's highest rates to one of the lowest.

Duplicate

The Massachusetts boom — and the possibility that Dukakis can duplicate it nationwide — is a powerful message for those who have been bypassed by recent economic prosperity or who are anxious about the future.

Critics say Dukakis played only a peripheral role in the state's climb to prosperity, but political experts say he may be able to recapture the traditional Democratic image as the party of prosperity and hope.

The Democrats had ceded that ground to Ronald Reagan in recent years.

While the President cheered voters by declaring "morning again in America," the Democrats spoke of limits on American aspirations.

Whether discussing the need to trim the US budget deficit, improve education, reduce trade barriers, or protect the rights of minorities, Dukakis says the overriding aim is to give the average American a chance to improve his lot.

"The opportunity, theme is really at the core of the campaign on the domestic side," campaign issues director Christopher Edley told Reuters.

"It's in every speech, whether he's talking about good jobs at good wages, bringing down barriers to opportunity, talking about education, day care, building partnerships with the private sector, even balancing the budget."

Dukakis has vowed:

- More money to improve teacher pay and performance, more money for student loans, and a programme to root out illiteracy.
- A stepped up effort against drug trafficking.
- More emphasis on protection of the environment, including programmes aimed at reducing acid rain and tougher regulations governing the disposal of hazardous waste.
- A revamped welfare system, modelled on a Massachusetts programme that provides training, health insurance and child care to help the jobless find work.
- An effort to provide universal medical care, again similar to a programme recently enacted in his home state.
- Increased government support for research to develop alternative and renewable sources of energy.
- More money for AIDS research.

Frontier

In a bid to identify himself with President John Kennedy, another Massachusetts Democrat who promised "a new frontier," Dukakis speaks of the "next American frontier."

"The next American frontier is in the millions of Americans who have been left behind. They want a helping hand, not a handout," he says.

Dukakis, the son of a Greek immigrant, cites his success as an example of America at its best.

"America isn't just another piece of land or just another country," he says.

"It's the noblest experiment ever undertaken on this planet... the best America is a nation where the son of Greek immigrants can seek — and win — the presidency."

By Nadine Epstein

NOGALES, Ariz.: Charges that members of the United States Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalisation Service regularly discriminate against, and sometimes even brutalise, Hispanics along the US-Mexico border are denied by agency officials.

But critics say that INS agents systematically fail to inform illegal aliens of their rights and the Customs Service uses its powers for political intelligence gathering and illegal seizures. They also charge that American citizens who appear to be Hispanic are harassed.

Customs and INS spokesmen point out the growing burden of trying to stem illegal immigration and drug smuggling. While admitting that mistakes are made, they dispute the extent of civil rights violations charged.

Making the charges are numerous lawyers and watchdog groups. Louis Menendez, a federal public defender in Laredo, Texas, says there is "a cowboy cop mentality that translates into: 'Let's clear the streets, make busts, and let the courts sort it out.'"

Menendez adds: "There is a problem with drugs and with illegal immigration. But in the same soup there is also a problem with lack of constraints."

Another public defender, a colleague of Menendez, Joe Sepeda, says bluntly, "The Constitution ends in San Antonio."

Abuses

But Harold Ezell, INS commissioner for the Western region, says: "I think these claims about civil rights abuses are ridiculous. I believe those who say that civil rights are being violated are the same people who say borders should be wide open and we shouldn't have any laws to protect them."

The agents who control the border are under tremendous strain. In 1987, about 190 million aliens and citizens passed through points of entry from Mexico into the US. There were 1,550 Customs and INS agents to handle the flow. They must not only sift the illegals from the lines, but try to stem the flow of narcotics. About 2,900 Border Patrol agents cover the area around and between ports of entry, though there will be 600

more added to the Border Patrol by the end of this year.

Civil rights activists say they are hearing of more cases of abuse than ever before. They blame the increase, in part, on the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act. Among other things, the act increased manpower and doubled the agency's budget. Activists predict that after the INS completes its amnesty programme for illegal aliens, more money will be channelled to enforcement and that this will lead to more abuses. Much of the law governing border agents remains unclear, say the critics, thus giving agents unchecked discretion. They also have extraordinary powers to control smuggling and illegal immigration.

Elsewhere in the US, the Fourth Amendment protects against warrantless searches and seizures. But on the border, agents are not bound by "probable cause" — the standard requiring that law-enforcement officials have a reasonable suspicion of wrongdoing before acting.

Rights

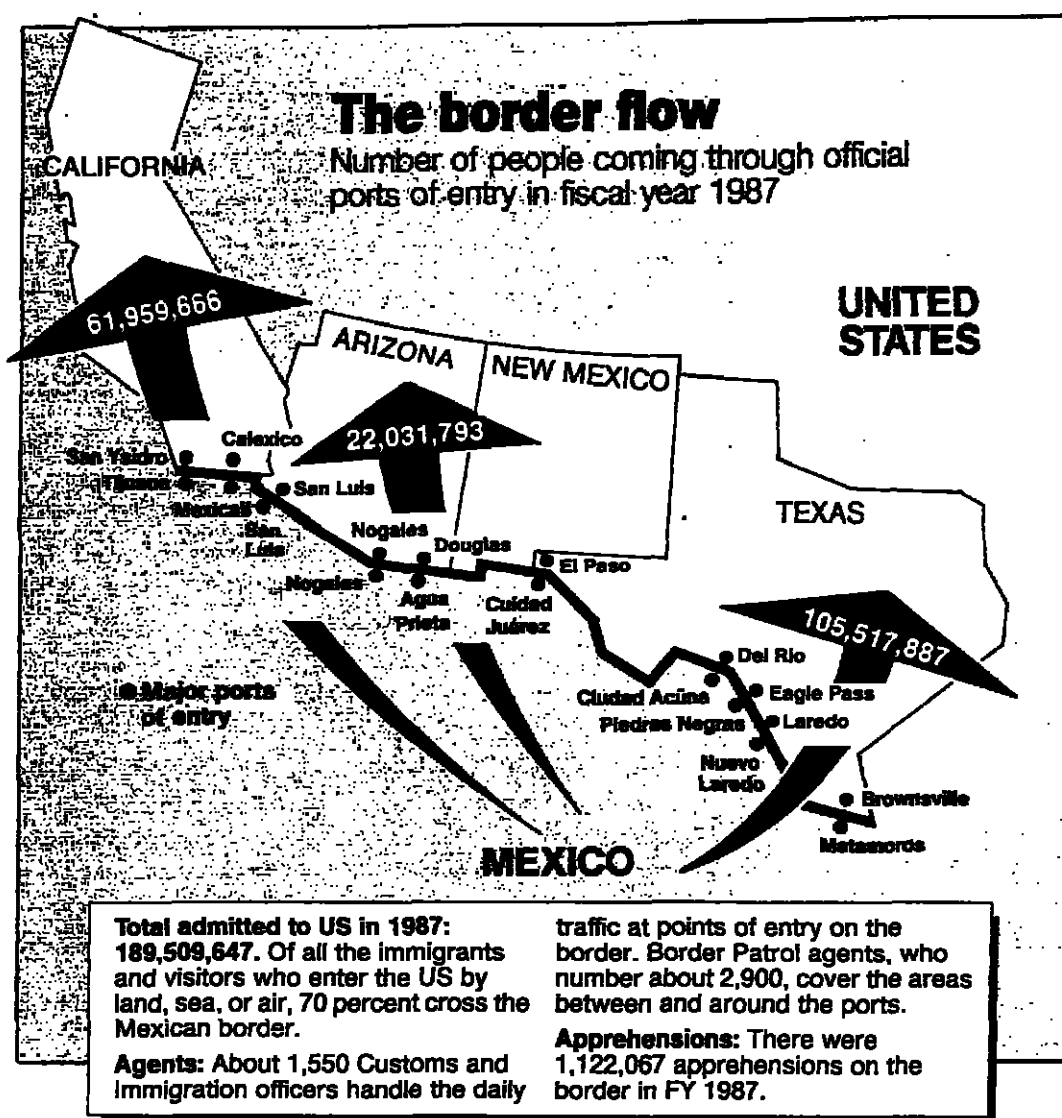
"The balance between individual rights and the government's right of effective immigration-law enforcement is heavily weighed toward the latter," says Maria Jimenez, director of an immigration law-enforcement monitoring project of the American Friends Service Committee. At stake, critics say, are such freedoms as the right to political opposition.

In January, the New York City-based Centre for Constitutional Rights disclosed information obtained through the Freedom of Information Act showing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had conducted an extensive surveillance of Americans opposed to Reagan administration policies in Central America. Some Americans have discovered that the FBI collected that kind of information from searches by Customs agents.

Two and a half years ago, Adam Eigner, a 24-year-old University of Michigan student, was on his way home from studying Spanish in Nicaragua when a Customs agent took him aside at Dallas-Fort Worth international airport. Eigner says the agent opened and searched his luggage

INS accused of harassing illegal aliens

Civil rights at US-Mexican border



as another agent went through his papers, which included a letter of acceptance to his language school and a receipt for medical supplies he had delivered, legally, to a Nicaraguan aid organisation. Without explanation, Eigner says, one of the agents walked away with his papers.

Eigner says he waited an hour for the return of the documents and then raced to catch his connecting flight. A year and a half later, to his astonishment, copies of his papers — stamped SECRET — turned up in an FBI file obtained by the Centre for Constitutional Rights. An attached memo showed two copies had been disseminated to each of 15 FBI bureaus.

Eigner is not alone, says Mike Ratner of the Centre for Con-

stitutional Rights. Since August 1984, the centre has received 71 reports of people who have had books, personal letters, notes, and address books taken or copied after border or custom checks. These reports include people who have discovered documents missing after checks. The group estimates that less than one-third of incidents are reported to it. Other people have had their names recorded in the computerised Treasury Enforcement Communication System, which border officials use to keep track of criminal suspects who might try to enter the US.

At least 100 Americans have complained that FBI agents have paid visits to their homes or offices and that they were faced with IRS audits soon after their

return from Nicaragua, the Centre for Constitutional Rights says.

Despite statements made by Customs agents under oath that in 1986 there was a "Nicaragua alert" in the Treasury's computersystem, the agency denies it has had a policy to target Americans returning from Nicaragua. Those returns are more carefully scrutinised because they are returning from a country that is under a trade embargo, US Customs spokesman Dennis Shimkoski said.

After being told of the type of documents copied and distributed in the Eigner case, however, Shimkoski admitted that the Customs agents who seized them overstepped their authority.

According to Shimkoski, Customs agents need to know 400 to 1,000 complex laws involving 40 different agencies to do their jobs. Asked to clarify policy, he himself needed several hours of repeated queries to officials at Customs headquarters in Washington, DC. "This really is a problem," he said. "We've got so many laws on the books they (the agents) have to enforce. Frankly, I don't know how they do it."

Despite the vast number of regulations already on the books, there are gaps, says David Cole, also at the Centre for Constitutional Rights. For instance, he points out that until the public-interest firm sued the agency in 1986 on behalf of a Kansas City journalist and a Los Angeles nurse, Customs had no written directives on scrutiny of documents. The decision on whether or not to seize documents was left to the discretion of agents, he said. Only after the lawsuit did the agency develop directives to specify what types of documents agents can legally scan, copy, seize, and disseminate.

Evidence

"Agents have no right to look into your political views, personal correspondence, literature, or books unless they are seditious or evidence of a crime," says Andy Silverman, a law professor at the University of Arizona in Tucson and an expert on immigration law. "Someone who has a letter about how wonderful the Sandinistas are can bring it in, because citizens still have First Amendment rights at the border. But if it is a letter setting up an operation to blow up a nuclear plant in the US — well, that's a little different."

Despite the new directives, Cole believes the seizure policy is still vulnerable to abuse. As Customs spokesman Shimkoski confirms, agents rarely obtain court orders necessary to permanently legally seize documents. In addition, the directives impose no restraints on the Customs Service's practice of sharing information obtained from the Customs Service's practice of sharing information obtained from temporary seized documents with other federal agencies.

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Former Soviet leader's daughter under constant watch

Moscow campaign to discredit Brezhnev

By Paul Quinn-Judge

MOSCOW: She lives alone, almost always drunk, in her luxurious country residence just outside Moscow. Her efforts to go into the capital are thwarted by the small group of security men who constantly watch her.

They say in Moscow that sometimes at night she goes out into the grounds of her magnificent dacha, spade in hand, to check that the valuables she buried there are still safe.

Her name is Galina Brezhnev, daughter of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. And the descriptions come from a document circulating in Moscow, obtained by the Monitor, entitled "The end of the sweet life for Galina Brezhnev." The document identifies its author as the dissident historian Roy Medvedev, and internal evidence indicates it was written last year. Its tone is authoritative, implying a knowledge of such hidden processes as the KGB interrogation of the man the document describes as Galina Brezhnev's last lover. Medvedev could not be contacted for comment.

The 10-page study is almost certainly a weapon in the struggle to totally discredit former Soviet leader Brezhnev, who ruled the country from 1964 to 1982. It comes at a time of growing political ferment: Supporters of radical reform see the 19th Communist Party conference on June 28, as a watershed in the struggle to reform the Soviet Union, and are increasing their pressure on more conservative members of the Soviet leadership.

Embarrass

The discrediting of Leonid Brezhnev could embarrass conservative leaders who have either — like No. 2 ranking leader Yegor Ligachev — expressed qualified approval of aspects of Brezhnev's rule or — like Ukrainian party chief Vladimir Shcherbitsky — were close to the former leader.

Galina Brezhnev's third husband, police general Yuri Churbanov, is under investigation for corruption, a capital offence in the Soviet Union. Soviet sources expect him to come to trial in July, and predict the trial will further blacken Brezhnev's name. But the allegations

levelled at Galina Brezhnev by the document are even more devastating than the charges against Churbanov.

The document paints a picture of massive corruption reminiscent of the rule of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos. It accuses Galina Brezhnev of making vast amounts of money by manipulating the market price in diamonds, and says that the man it claims to have been her last lover was involved in a series of spectacular diamond thefts.

It further compounds the attack on Leonid Brezhnev by alleging that Galina's main accomplice in speculation was the wife of Gen. Nikolai Shchelokov, Soviet interior minister and one of her father's closest friends. Virtually its only positive characters are KGB men, including Yuri Andropov, KGB chief from 1967 to 1982, and Soviet leader from 1982 to '84.

Bribes

"Luxurious living, big bribes... even machinations concerning diamonds — none of this was considered a major sin during the Brezhnev era," the document alleges. This was the life style not only of Brezhnev's relatives, but people in the circle of Konstantin Chernenko (party leader in 1984 and '85), "and many local party bosses."

The document describes in detail Galina's three main alleged passions: the circus, younger men, and diamonds. In 1951 Leonid Brezhnev was party chief of the southern republic of Moldavia. The circus came to the Moldavian capital of Kishinev in 1951. Galina, then in her early '20s, left with it. She had fallen in love with the strong man in an acrobatic group, the document says.

After the breakup of this marriage she married another circus performer 15 years her junior. When her father, by then Soviet leader, heard of the marriage, "a plane landed at a nearby airport. Several well-built men got in a car and drove to the villa where the newlyweds were staying." Galina's husband received a new internal passport describing him as single. The unfortunate marriage registrar was put on trial. Galina's parents

took her home.

Several years later, to her parents' relief, the document says, she met Lt Col Yuri Churbanov. Seven years her junior, married with two children, he nonetheless soon became Galina's husband. He swiftly became a general and deputy minister of the interior. But Galina is said to have taken another theatrical lover, Boris Buryatse, also known as Boris the Gypsy or Boris Diamonds. Thanks to her he lived in sumptuous style and became a member of the troupe of the Bolshoi Theatre.

Galina's main source of income was from speculation in diamonds, the document says. The price of gold and diamonds in the Soviet Union tripled "between the end of the '60s and the start of the '80s," it notes pointedly. A steady pattern set into the Soviet diamond market, the study claims.

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Duarre ill at wrong time

By Angus MacSwan

SAN SALVADOR, (Reuters): President Jose Napoleon Duarte's serious illness could not have come at a worse time for El Salvador's government and the floundering policy of its US sponsors, Western diplomats say.

Duarte, who was flown to Walter Reed Army hospital in Washington for tests for stomach and liver cancer on Tuesday, leaves behind a country gripped by violence and poverty. The civil war that has claimed at least 65,000 lives since 1979 is intensifying and insurgents are almost certain to launch a new offensive against the government.

Violence in Northern Ireland

By Paul Majendie

BELFAST, (Reuters): Asked why she was such a tough disciplinarian with her teenage pupils, the Belfast teacher said: "Our sixth formers (high school seniors) are out at night killing paratroopers."

On the street outside, the same

Duarte's 1984 election promises to negotiate an end to the war and prosecute human rights offenders remain unfulfilled. The economy, propped up by substantial US aid, is in a shambles, partly due to the war and partly due to mismanagement.

Duarte's Christian Democratic Party (PDC) lost its National Assembly majority to the far-right Nationalist Republic Alliance (Arena) in elections in March and Arena is tipped to win the presidency next year.

The PDC itself is locked in bitter infighting over the choice of a candidate.

Political killings are also on the rise, with human rights

groups pointing to the military as the worst offenders.

It is a common observation here that El Salvador is run by the US embassy, the military and the government — in that order. Duarte has been a key figure in this small country of 5.5 million people and build an alternative to leftist Nicaragua.

In his absence, Vice-President Rodolfo Castillo Claramount has taken over as acting president. Castillo Claramount, a former foreign minister, has been frequently accused of corruption.

"One has much confidence in him," said a Western diplomat.

Sectarian hatred burns deep as acid

tragic message was being relayed — whatever the politicians may try to do, the sectarian hatreds of Belfast in the British province of Northern Ireland burn as deeply as acid.

Armed policemen, backed up by troops, are out on the street to supervise the daily exodus from school.

On one side of the street is a Protestant school, on the other a Catholic one. In the middle runs a thin line of security forces to keep warring factions apart.

A taunting match in the playground can so easily end in an all-out street fight between the parents which then — speedily escalates from petrol bombs to gun battles.

Conflict

"Babies are not born bigots. We just make them that way," one life-long Belfast resident complained as he contemplated the ravages of a 20-year conflict that has killed almost 3,000 people and injured 30,000.

Each side crows over casualties as the Irish Republican Army battles to oust Britain from Northern Ireland. The ghetto graffiti mirror their grim humour.

When British commandos from the crack Special Air Services (SAS) killed eight IRA gunmen attacking a village police station last May, up went the scorecard in Protestant enclaves: "SAS 8, IRA 0."

Then when a lynch mob killed two British soldiers who strayed

into an IRA funeral in March, the Catholic wall — scrawlers replied with the scorecard "IRA 2, SAS 0."

Just down the road from the ironically named Unity Flats, workmen are putting up a security grille outside the Avenue Bar.

"Bit late now," mumbles a passer-by outside the pub where Protestant extremists burst in last month and killed three young Catholics having a Sunday lunchtime drink.

As you enter west Belfast, the Catholic ghetto that is the scene of much IRA violence, you are greeted by a white hand-painted wall slogan: "Welcome to Beirut."

Touring the ghettos with their rows of burnt out houses that bear mute witness to yet another sectarian riot, you are confronted by Peace Lines, the ironic name for the corrugated iron fences that divide the warring communities.

They look like flimsy little Berlin walls, there to defuse tensions between factions that even taunt each other beyond the grave.

Protestants wanting to lay flowers on their relatives' tombstones at a graveyard in a Catholic enclave have to go on "Cemetery Sunday" outings.

Catholic priests have to accompany their bus convoys to the graveyard to ensure they are not attacked by angry locals.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1513 — French Army is defeated by Swiss at Novara and returns to France.
- 1520 — England's King Henry VIII and France's King Francis I sign treaty ending French interference in Scotland.
- 1654 — Sweden's Queen Christina abdicates, is succeeded by Charles X.
- 1660 — Peace of Copenhagen ends war between Sweden and Denmark, opening the Baltic to foreign warships.
- 1797 — Napoleon Bonaparte forms Ligurian republic in Genoa.
- 1840 — Carlist wars in Spain end with surrender of Carlist forces.
- 1871 — Alsace is annexed to Germany after French Army is defeated in Franco-Prussian war.
- 1884 — By Treaty of Hue, emperor of Annam recognizes French protectorate.
- 1942 — Nazi forces burn town of Lidice in Bohemia in World War II.
- 1944 — "D-Day" landings made on Normandy beaches of France by allied forces in World War II.
- 1967 — Egyptians close Suez Canal during Arab-Israeli war.
- 1972 — Coal mine explosion in Rhodesia kills 431 workers.
- 1973 — West Germany completes ratification of treaty to normalise its relations with East Germany.
- 1984 — An Indian Army commander says at least 250 Sikh militants and 47 Army troops were killed in fighting inside historic Golden Temple complex in Amritsar.
- 1985 — Israel withdraws last troops from Lebanon, exactly three years after its invasion of the country.
- 1987 — Lebanon's parliament rejects resignation of speaker Hussein Hussein, and urges speedup to investigation into assassination of Prime Minister Rashid Karami.

Animal lovers appeal to Olympic athletes in South Korea

Watch out for cat and dog treats in your soup

By Roger Crabb

SEOUL, (Reuters). Animal lovers plan to appeal to Olympic athletes from 161 nations due in Seoul this summer to help end the slaughter of dogs and cats to feed South Korean gourmets.

They will offer to take the sportmen and women to markets near the Seoul Games venues where they say the animals are cruelly killed before being served as delicacies in hundreds of restaurants.

They also plan to urge Olympic athletes and officials to write to the South Korean government in a bid to end the killing.

"What is happening here is a crime of inhumanity," said Dave Dawson, Southeast Asia co-ordinator of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (Ifaw), during a recent fact-finding visit.

"In most other countries it would be a jailable offence. Cats and dogs are companion animals, and loving and trusting friends."

"It's an awful thing to do to friends, to serve them up on a plate."

Dawson added: "We will ensure that every athlete coming to Seoul knows what is happening here. Once we get past the Olympics the government may think it is safe and never get anything done."

The South Korean government, concerned about this treat to its international image, is at pains to point out that killing dogs and cats for consumption was outlawed in 1984, and that restaurants were recommended not to serve dog meat.

Trade and Industry Minister Ahn Byong-Won told Dawson in a recent letter: "The majority of Koreans view the practice of killing and eating these animals as shameful as well as cruel."

"The small number of people who still wilfully indulge in this illegal activity do so out of the public eye, well aware of its disgrace."

An Information Ministry official said the government believed that even where illegal

As the world's athletes get ready for the Olympic Games in Seoul this summer, animal lovers hope to bring to their attention — and the world's — the inhumane killing of cats and dogs in South Korea where the animals are served as delicacies in hundreds of restaurants.



A catmeat vendor waits for customers in Seoul. Live cats can be crammed into cages or tethered by the neck. The South Korean government outlawed their killing for human consumption in 1984 but the practice continues.

restaurants still exist, the cruel methods of killing the animals are no longer used and that fewer and fewer people are eating such dishes.

A poll commissioned by the

Ifaw, which has close links with the World Wildlife Fund, found that a quarter of South Korea's 40 million population had eaten dog. One in 10 had eaten cat.

The dog soup trade is likely to remain a closed book for Olympic visitors unless they stray into the back alleys of the capital and read Korean. Restaurants with large signs

advertising 'posintang' (beauty soup) used to be prominent on main thoroughfares, but now they have moved to more discreet sites.

They also have smaller signs reading 'pyongyang' another euphemism to get round government restrictions and meaning roughly 'nourishing soup.' Ifaw says it has evidence dogs are suffocated to death slowly, because the adrenaline is thought to tenderise the meat.

Cooked slices of dog meat are then served up in a soup, flavoured with garlic, spices and sesame, believed to enhance sexual stamina.

'Kae soju' is an alcoholic drink made from a whole dog boiled with herbs and spices for 48 hours. Koreans drink it as a tonic in the hot, energy-sapping summer.

Cats are killed by blows to the head, according to Dawson who has visited South Korea several times to gather evidence.

Alternatively, he says, they are thrown live into boiling water to produce 'go yang soju' — a drink taken by the elderly as a cure for rheumatism or arthritis.

Government health official Lee Sang-Suk said restaurants had been recommended not to serve dog meat. If they ignored this, they would be warned for a first offence and risked having their licences revoked for subsequent violations.

Dawson said Ifaw hired a leading Seoul law firm which found there were no general laws in South Korea regarding cruelty to animals. He said the ministry guidelines only referred to large towns and tourist areas.

"We are not protesting about the sort of meat people eat. It's the cruelty — tantamount to torturing animals," Dawson said.

"Whatever happens, we will go on until we do get something done. Once we start, something we won't give up, however long it takes," he said.

Previous Ifaw campaigns aimed at halting the killing of dogs for food in the Philippines and culling of Canadian baby seals.

'Slasher' movies enormously popular in urban America

Five dollars for a nightmare

By Aly Sujo

NEW YORK: At the Lyric theatre in New York's seedy Times Square the patrons pay for nightmares.

The movie house is a haven for crack smokers and a centre for addicts of 'slasher' films, combining psychedelia, nightmares, bloody premonitions, and drug-induced paranoia.

At a recent Friday double feature, sometime during 'Bad Dreams' and 'Night Stalker,' grisly films about psychotic killers, two men quarrelled in the dark.

Police said there was an argument about too much noise, and 18-year-old David Garrett was shot.

Mortally wounded, he stumbled out of the Lyric balcony. He was swept down the stairs by a panicked, fleeing crowd, according to a security guard who patrols the theatre.

Garrett's evening ended across town at Bellevue hospital.

"He was probably dead when he came in," says John Clark, an administrator at Bellevue.

Outside the Lyric on Times Square's sleazy theatre row, the drug of choice is crack, a potent cocaine derivative. Salesmen hawk the product around the clock in this timeless zone lit by the neon glow of dozens of film marquees.

Inside the cinemas, crack-inhalers addicts sit repeatedly through lurid double features.

In urban America, 'slasher' cinema is enormously profitable. 'Bad Dreams,' the third-highest grossing film in the country last weekend, is the latest imitation of the popular 'Nightmare On Elm Street,' series.

'Elm Street 3,' which has become the most successful independent feature in film history, depicts the violent nightmares of American youths whose sleep is invaded by a killer bogeyman. Its publicists call it a 'fun movie... a roller-coaster ride.'

Hugh Scully, a 25-year-old Irish-Jamaican who manages the Lyric before the sun goes down, has been working the 42nd Street movie theatres for

six years.

Scully says that every five minutes his ushers trying vainly to enforce a smoking ban aim their flashlights at a crack smoker. It's a dangerous job.

The morning after Garrett's murder, police cordoned off the Lyric balcony, where the shooting took place. But the orchestra section was filled with demonstrative patrons.

On the screen, 'Bad Dreams' showed a pair of doomed schizophrenic lovers dined by a whirling fan, their remains squeezed through the ventilation system of a modern metropolitan hospital.

The audience howled back at the screen.

Night manager Albert O'Reilly is familiar with his

audiences' rapport with the ghastly fare on screen.

"The youths today, they aren't people that you can talk to on a one-to-one basis," says O'Reilly. "These guys feel very strong about certain things."

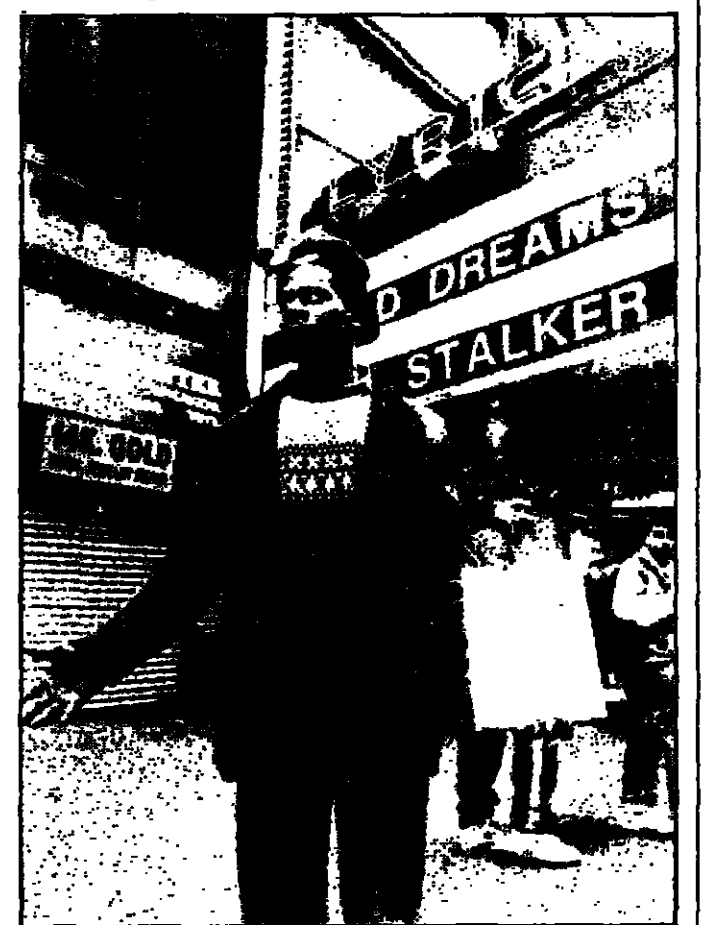
"Especially if they're packing (armed)."

Two days after the shooting, an 18-year-old youth was picked out of a lineup and charged with the murder.

Ten blocks away, the limousines line up outside a musical play about the haves-and-have-nots of the 19th century.

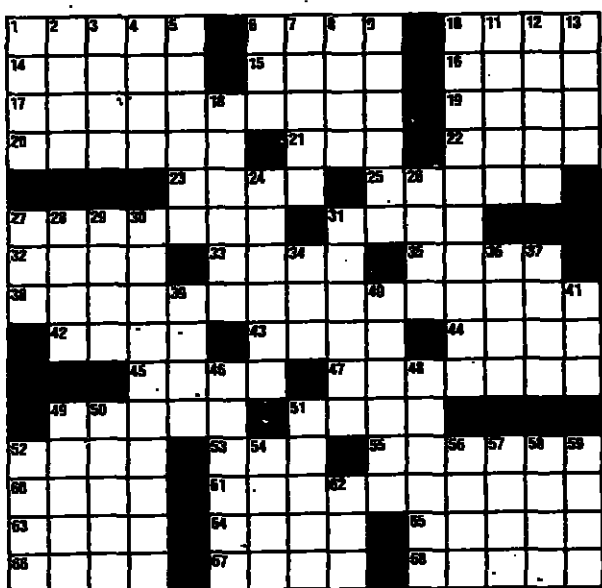
Many of the patrons inside paid up to 100 dollars to see 'Les Miserables.'

David Garrett paid five dollars for 'Bad Dreams.'



A man just out of jail sells pornographic magazines in front of the Lyric theatre, on 42nd St. New York. The theatre is a haven for addicts of 'slasher' films combining psychedelia, nightmares, bloody premonitions and drug-induced paranoia.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 Rush
- 6 Midsize title
- 10 — vault
- 14 Main artery
- 15 Evaluate
- 16 Beasts of burden
- 17 Did a mailroom job
- 19 Bob follower
- 20 Dozes
- 21 Rhea's relative
- 22 Novice
- 23 Greek letters
- 25 Amusingly outlandish
- 27 Actor Walter
- 31 Evening in Rome
- 32 Miscellaneous mixture
- 33 Scatter
- 35 — it a lovely day
- 38 Embodiment
- 42 Roman statesman
- 43 Roman goddess of fate
- 44 Town near Padua
- 45 Dill herb of the Bible
- 47 Rejoiced
- 49 Kind of energy
- 51 The fleet —
- 52 Computer insert
- 53 Carrier letters
- 55 Desisted
- 60 King Atahualpa, for one
- 61 Government agency
- 63 Cicatrix
- 64 Test answer
- 65 Synthetic fiber
- 66 Elephants as a group
- 67 Aoom, e.g.
- 68 Popovers

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- 1 Weakens
- 2 Betting bunch
- 3 Gaelic
- 4 Major's suffix
- 5 Checked, in a way
- 6 Miss
- 7 Creates
- 8 Entry
- 9 Lessen
- 10 Chief, at
- 11 Primrose's relative
- 12 Wary
- 13 Conductor
- 14 Actor
- 15 To the rear
- 16 Bathe with oil
- 17 Melody from Menotti
- 18 Skip
- 19 Guinness
- 20 Star in Cetus
- 21 Tourist's communication
- 22 Scams
- 23 ET's transport?
- 24 Unless: Lat.
- 25 Bag of a sort
- 26 Lady Chaplin
- 27 Cloth or cat
- 28 Sparks or Rorem
- 29 Blows off steam
- 30 — the money...
- 31 Subsequently
- 32 Hammerstein
- 33 Point to debate
- 34 Culinary concoction
- 35 Irritated
- 36 Mod hairdo
- 37 Threshold
- 38 EPA's concern
- 39 Studies
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 183 ♥ Q7652 ♦ K95 ♣ 72

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ Dbl 1 ♦ ?

What action do you take?

A.—You don't have very much, but if you fail to bid one heart now, you might never get another chance to show the suit. Suppose you pass and West jumps to three of a minor, which gets passed back to you. Would you feel comfortable competing at the three-level now? But won't you feel guilty about suppressing your suit?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable you hold:

♠ Q10743 ♥ 95 ♦ KJ63 ♣ 83

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♥ Dbl 1 ♠ ?

What action do you take?

A.—Partner's double of one heart either guarantees a spade suit or else a strong hand with a long suit of its own. Therefore, it's quite likely that East is trying a bluff, based on heart support for his partner. Tell your partner that you hold spades by doubling.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KQ1053 ♥ 83 ♦ AQ763 ♣ 8

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—If you play limit raises, you have enough distributional assets to venture four spades. If you play forcing raises, you require too many specific controls to contemplate slam—unless partner has the aces of spades and hearts AND king of diamonds, you will be odds-against. Again, bid four spades.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 974 ♥ KJ8 ♦ AKQ72 ♣ 63

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Since you can't bid one no trump with a suit unstopped and would prefer not to raise partner's major-suit response with such poor three-card support, you have only one option. Rebid two diamonds to show your good five-card suit.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 974 ♥ AKJ ♦ AS762 ♣ 63

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—This time you have to choose between the lesser of evils. Your diamond suit is so weak that you should not consider it rebiddable and, therefore, we would opt for raising partner to two spades despite the fact that our support leaves a lot to be desired.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 974 ♥ KJ8 ♦ AS762 ♣ A6

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

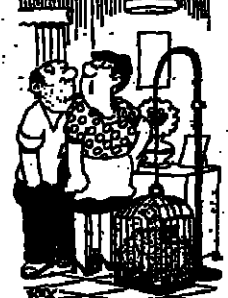
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—An easy decision, at last! You can't rebid your diamonds and your spade support isn't good enough for a raise. However, you have a balanced minimum with a stopper in the unbid suit, so one no trump is a perfect rebid.



"You tell me what you can afford, we'll have a good laugh and go on from there."



"Look, I only got it in the first place because you promised to clean out the cage."

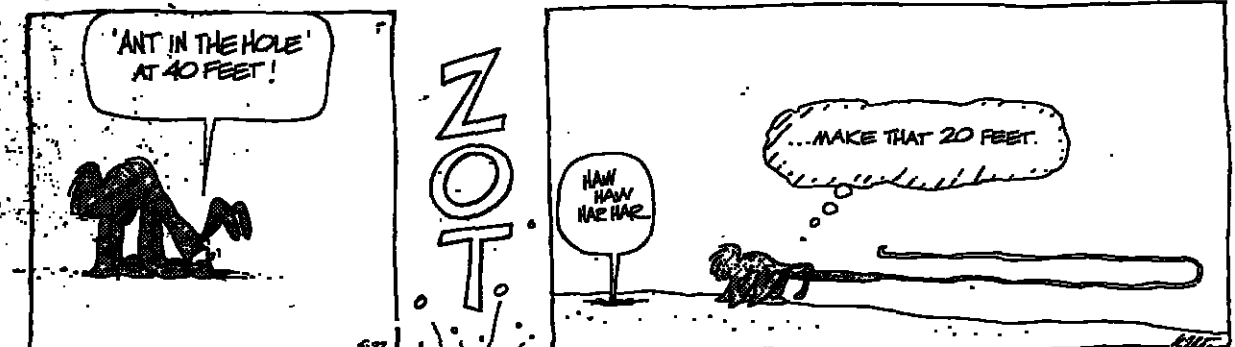
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

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| <p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>Something you have been trying to do for ages will now become possible. However, you should not be in too great a hurry. Do not allow your attention to wander. Be responsible.</p> | <p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to keep out of trouble. You should not take everything quite so personally. Keep your feet quite firmly on the ground. Be more patient.</p> | <p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will have a good idea and this will help you to deal with a tricky problem. You should not try to ignore an unpleasant fact. Make sure you do not do anything offensive. Be sensible.</p> | <p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>You should take a little more exercise, but gently please. You will be able to get quite a lot done but you must not be superficial. If you are invited you should not stay too long. Be responsive.</p> |
| <p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>This is a good day on which to do something that you have not been able to do for some while now. You will be able to achieve good results. You should not however give up your personal life. Be punctual.</p> | <p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>Make sure you do not do anything that would be injurious to your health. You should try not to get on other people's nerves. Avoid encroaching upon anyone's privacy. Be more lenient.</p> | <p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You will be full of spirit but should make sure you do not act on impulse. You will be able to learn from a new experience. You should not try so hard to show that you are cleverer than others. Be alert.</p> | <p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>This is going to be a favourable day for you but you will have to work hard. You should do all you can to avoid confusion. Try to show just a little more goodwill. Be a little more audacious.</p> |
| <p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You will have to make a greater effort to compensate. You should not make a mountain out of a molehill. You will find it easier to persuade others to your point of view. Be reliable.</p> | <p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>You will have to deal with someone who seems to be rather hostile to you but if you keep your head you will succeed. Concentrate on essentials and leave the details until later.</p> | <p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You will tend to feel a little more aggressive and should try to control yourself. You should not act on impulse nor should you place too much trust in your intuition.</p> | <p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>Mars' influence will help you to come to the right decision. You will be able to make the correct response. You should not say too much about a project upon which you are engaged. Be rational.</p> |

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

By Keith Wells

LT Col H. R. P. Dickson was the British Political Agent in Kuwait from 1929 to 1936 when he retired from government service to become the chief local representative of KOC. Dame Violet Dickson, his widow, still lives in Kuwait in an old blue and white house on the seaford that was originally the British Political Agency.

Today, Col. Dickson is mainly remembered for his two superb books about the customs, traditions and history of the region, *Kuwait And Her Neighbours*, now sadly out of print, and *The Arab of the Desert*, a new edition of which is available in local bookshops. These two volumes together comprise the best and most comprehensive study of bedouin life ever published in English.

Dickson was born in Beirut in 1881 and was reared by a

Dickson's bedouin tales

bedouin wet-nurse. As a result, he spoke bedouin Arabic as well as he spoke English, and constantly referred to the bedouin as his real friends, as opposed to his European acquaintances.

He spent many days living in the tents of his bedou friends and by dint of long hours of conversation around the campfires he learned a tremendous amount about their lore and customs. His books are filled with bedou tales of bravery, witchcraft, and seafaring.

One of my favourite tales is about the incredible tracking skills of the Murra tribesmen. Dickson tells how he was on a trip with King Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia and the party camped for the night beside the sea. Dickson decided to go for a swim, so he took off his clothes, piled them on the beach, placed

his wristwatch on top of the pile and went for a good long swim. When he came back, the watch was missing. When Dickson told the King what had happened, Abdul Aziz sent for his Murra tracker who came and looked at the spot very carefully. The wet sand had a few footprints, but these were easily identified by the guide as belonging to Dickson and the King himself. After quartering the area thoroughly, no more footprints could be found and the Murra had to confess he was beaten. The party retired for the night in a troubled frame of mind.

Next morning, the Murra tracker woke Dickson at dawn in great excitement, saying he had figured out what had happened to the watch. Intrigued, Dickson followed him down the beach to the spot where he had left his watch the day before. The incoming tide had swept the sand clear of footprints, but it was covered with the scratch marks of the crabs that lived there.

The Murra peered closely at the marks, identified one of them, then led the way over a hundred metres down the beach to the creature's hole, plunged in his hand and came out with the lost watch! He explained that the previous day he had only been looking for a human thief's tracks and ignored the crabs', then he remembered that one of the crab trails had actually gone right up to the pile of clothes. As Dickson remarked, the incredible thing was the Murra tracker was able to distinguish one individual crab's spoor from that of dozens of others!

Story

Another great story was told to Dickson by an old man called Zunaifir Iba Huwaila of the Ajman tribe. It concerned a certain sheikh who owned 17 camels. On his deathbed he ordered that the camels be divided between his three sons. The oldest son was to get a half share of the camels, the dying sheikh decreed, the second son should get a third share, and the youngest son should get a ninth share. Then the dying man

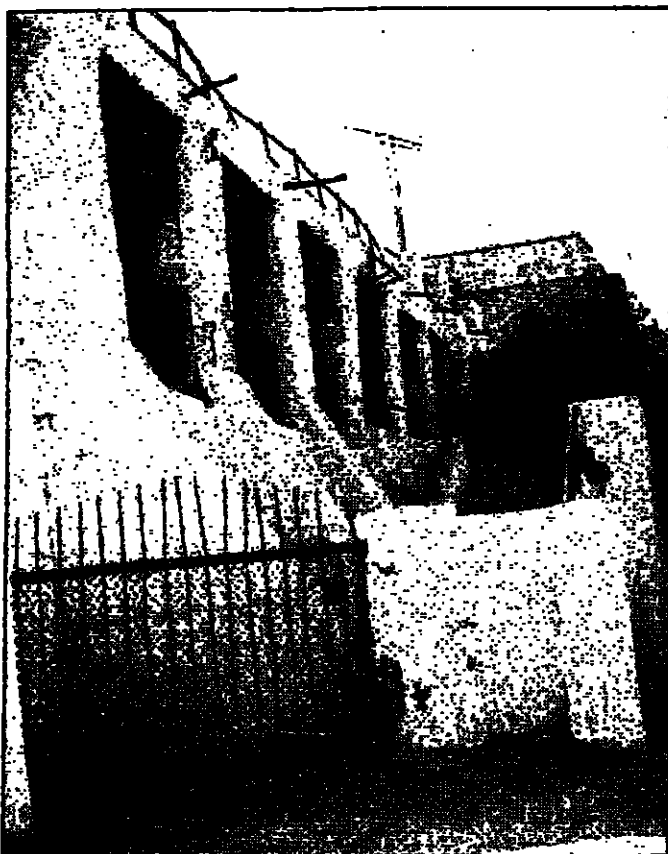
complicated matters by stipulating that none of the camels should be given away, sold or killed in order to make the division easier. Then the sheikh died.

The sons were at a loss as to how to carry out his wishes and a violent quarrel broke out among the sons as they argued about their inheritance. The quarrel seemed certain to end in bloodshed when a stranger rode up on a fine white camel, dismounted, and asked what all the trouble was about.

When he was told the problem, the stranger thought about it for a few moments, then asked for all 17 camels to be brought before him. The sons agreed, and when the 17 camels were collected, the stranger stood up and added his own white camel to the herd. Then he gave the oldest son nine camels, his half share, the second son received six camels, his third share, and the youngest son got two camels, his ninth share, leaving the white camel, which the stranger reclaimed, mounted and rode away, leaving everyone satisfied.

Tales like these are only fifty years old, yet the life that Dickson describes seems to belong to a totally different world from the Kuwait we know today. However, some of the traditions continue, albeit in altered forms. For example, Dickson talks about the old bedou tradition of dividing food into equal shares, then allocating the shares by lottery, to prevent arguments. Meat was pretty scarce in those days, so if a sheep had to be slaughtered the meat would be piled up onto different plates, then the tribe would each draw straws to see who got which plate. That way there were never any arguments as to who got the best share.

Exactly the same method is used today when the government allocates houses, each applicant gets a number, and when his number is drawn he goes up to choose which house he wants. In this way, traditional wisdom is used to prevent arguments in the most modern of situations, and it still works.



The house in which the Dicksons lived still stands today in Kuwait.

Seduction - by a former nun

By Lesley White

A BOOK will appear soon which, if slightly misunderstood, could plunge respectable publishers Faber & Faber into a literary success de scandale.

It is the first anthology of seductions*. It is bursting with sex ... and it is edited by a former nun.

But let me warn those who secretly peruse semi-serious fiction for heaving bosoms and licentious euphemism that they will find no dirty bits worth fumbling for here.

Even less scandalous, the editor has not been sacked from her convent.

For the seductions - ranging from the fall of Lawrence's Miriam to the fate of Hardy's Tess - are of the highest creative merit. And this is indeed a serious and riveting tome.

Jenny Newman, 41, wearing a short-skirted suit and not in the least retrospectively pious, has been fascinated with the techniques and tyrannies of seduction since she first read of them. Which she did before trying them - only to discover they are merely the politics of power.

Through the dubious art of seductions, she claims, Eve discovered not only truth under the Tree of Knowledge. She discovered shame ... and this ambiguity has dogged women ever since.

I have always been fascinated with seduction because it's

the most potent weapon in the battle of the sexes, says Ms Newman. At best, it promises the pleasure of courtship without responsibility. At worst, it narrowly stops short of brute force.

It is the hovering between temptation and rape that best merits her rigorous inquiry. For this is no collection of billets-doux wrapped up as pretty poems. And her approach is anything but blushing.

Growing up in working-class Carlisle, she was acutely aware from an early age of the limitations her gender might impose. Wary of being sucked into a drab and loveless marriage, she turned to religion for guidance and took her vows at 18.

My boyfriend and parents thought I was mad to become a nun, she says, but at convent school I admired the nuns' rejection of materialism.

At an age when her peer group was exploring the sexual revolution as advertised by the mini-skirt, permitted by the Pill and unhampered by fatal social diseases, Jenny was dressed head-to-toe in heavy serge, her hair hacked short behind a veil.

She was driven as much by the anti-materialism of the age as the desire to relinquish the world. And that, you might suppose, is why it couldn't last.

Her transformation from nun to anthropologist of sex did not result from temptation into the romantic arena. That, too, was pragmatic and political.

Reading English at Liverpool University in the late Sixties, she observed a new generation of women putting their ideals into practice.

For the first time I was surrounded by women who were going to do something with their lives, she says. They talked excitedly about politics and ambition, on becoming lawyers, engineers and fighting prejudice.

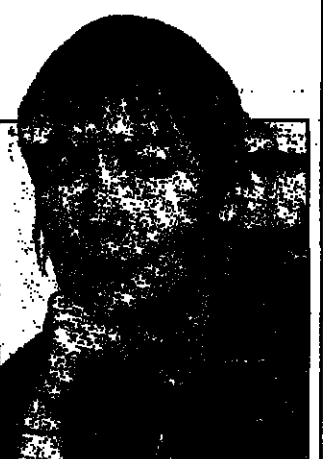
I really began to resent returning to the nunnery at weekends.

After a year of agonising, Sister Jennifer became Ms Newman to pursue her literary studies. She is now a freelance tutor at Liverpool. But she was also free to embark on her own sexual odyssey.

She married and divorced her university tutor and, en route to her present arrangement (she has lived with her fellow-academic boyfriend for five years), she made her way through the libraries of love and lovers.

I have seduced and been seduced, she announces, but it is not something I like. I am not in favour of seduction. Seducers often get their pleasure from the exercise of power rather than the physical conquest. And their victims can be hurt by betrayal.

The only period of history where Ms Newman finds women not to have been broken by this exquisite game appears in Restoration comedy.



Author Jenny Newman: I was mad to be a nun

In the works of Congreve, the wily entrapment practised by the powdered ladies is seen as smart autonomy and a stab at their husband's possessiveness.

But that, say the classics, wasn't to last. Daniel Defoe's *Moll Flanders* seduction was for profit rather than pleasure, making her less than ideologically sound. And as for the Victorian heroine languishing through a veil of tears and vulnerability, a girl might as well give up life as be seduced.

Ms Newman believes seduction should possibly be stopped because it cannot take place between equals - and the results are often tragic.

The broken-hearted protagonists of Eng Lit, might agree - but how on earth would the poets make a living?

*The Faber Book of Seductions (£12.95)

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I have been noticing a problem with my husband's sleeping lately and I was hoping that you would be able to give me some advice. It began a few months back when I noticed that he was snoring himself often during sleep. Now I have noticed that he appears to stop breathing, then he wakes himself up. I keep after him to see someone but he doesn't realize that anything is wrong.

ANSWER: First and foremost it is important that your husband see a doctor as soon as possible. Although I cannot make diagnoses from your brief description, it is possible that your husband is suffering from sleep apnea syndrome. This means that once your husband falls asleep, his air passages become narrow, making it difficult for him to get air. When he is deprived of air long enough, he wakes himself up. The air passages at that time expand and he can breathe normally once again. This becomes a vicious cycle throughout the night, creating an end-

less pattern of falling asleep only to wake up seconds later. Obviously, this is not restful sleep.

You may notice that he is excessively tired during the day, he falls asleep almost immediately when he sits down and he might even complain of bad morning headaches. Depending on the severity of the problem, he can have extreme changes in his personality.

Your husband should be evaluated and probably will be told that he needs sleep studies. The tests consist of the patient going to a sleep lab and allowing the physician in charge to record his breathing pattern, heart rhythm, oxygen levels and brain waves while he sleeps. The study will help decide if your husband's problem relates to his air passages or to the fact that he's not getting the correct signals from his brain to make his breathing pattern right.

Drugs can be used to help stimulate the

brain centres to correct their signals, and different forms of oxygen therapy or surgery can be undertaken to alleviate the air passage narrowing. This is a complicated situation and you will need the explanations of your physician to help get it straightened out.

One of the major problems with ignoring the condition is that it can lead to heart failure and/or marked disturbances of the heart rhythm. Given the seriousness of sleep apnea it is imperative that your husband seek medical attention. It is always better to correct these situations early before permanent damage is done. That you were the one to discover the problem is common, and now you can assure your husband that he is not dangerous and have very little risk, but will lead to a real improvement in his enjoyment of life.

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Letters from the Raj

An exuberant slice of life in 1830's India

By Lesley Blanch

THE diverting book is doubly so today when the printed word seems largely concerned with gloom and decay. Fanny Eden's journals shimmer with the extravagances of the Indian scene in 1836 when she and her sister Emily accompanied their brother George, Lord Auckland, to his appointment as Governor General.

Since he was unmarried, his sisters played hostess and the journals they kept served as letters home; many are reproduced in this book, which is admirably edited by Janet Dunbar.

There should be no confusion between the two sisters' journals. Emily's were first published in 1866, entitled *Up the Country*, and have remained a classic of their kind. Fanny's were unknown until lately, lying buried among family papers, while she herself was only glimpsed flitting across Emily's pages under the initials F.

Now we meet her face to face, and very good company she is, with her exuberant, almost childish sense of enjoyment.

Daily life was a severe challenge. State splendours overwhelmed, protocol was rigid, the climate daunting, official duties unending. Things lived up when they set out to visit the numerous fiery kingdoms that were George's concern.

They travelled dak - that is, by relays of horses, camels and elephants. Elaborate camps were organised, with gold-fringed crimson tents, Cashmere carpets and a few European comforts. George and his staff held levees in the mammoth Durbar tent wearing cocked hats, gold lace and swords.

Such functions dragged as the thermometer rose above 100 degrees and the interpreters



Riding lessons: one of the sketches by Fanny Eden from her Indian journals

became bogged down by complications laid on with an Oriental towel.

Fanny describes it all with gusto - how she "strolls about" on her elephant; how the King of Oude sends his chef with special dishes and orders to stand behind their chairs at breakfast to see they eat up everything. Local society, however, is not stimulating.

Most Memshahib's racial prejudices debarred them from dances where natives were present, but Fanny was delighted with Colonel Skinner "a native Colonel, very black, much better company than any white colonels we met."

The highlight of the journals is a State visit to the Sikh Court at Lahore, from where the old, wall-eyed Maharajah Runjeet Singh ruled, surrounded by a glittering band of heirs, favourites and the horses he

doted on. There were also European adventurers employed to train his armies and administer justice with ferocity.

Mission

Lord Auckland's mission was to obtain Sikh backing for a sinister plan to occupy Afghanistan as a buffer state against Russian designs on India. Dost Mohammed, the Afghan ruler, was to be deposed and replaced by a puppet supported by British troops stationed at Kabul. Auckland hesitated - it seemed unjust; unwise but complacent advisors such as Alexander Burnes and Sir William Macnaghten, the Government Secretary, were persuasive, and a first move in the Great Game began.

Pourparlers with Runjeet were interspersed with lavish hospitality. A visit to the Gol-

den Temple at Amritsar preceded banquets washed down by aphrodisiac brews containing crushed pearls. These, like other jewels, the Maharajah pressed on his guests, though he came to grief when he tangled a rope of pearls in Fanny's bonnet. He himself dressed simply and only wore the Koh-i-noor.

The Anglo-Sikh treaty signed, there were further junketings and military reviews, the dancers undulating endlessly while Runjeet's pet ducks waddled unchecked over the price-less carpets. When the swaggering "Army of the Indus" marched for Kabul, escorted by the puppet Shah, Burnes and Macnaghten followed as his political advisors.

The party was over. Farwells were affecting. A string sympathy had grown between the Edens and these exotic, violent Sikhs - though "we were not under the impression that they lived very moral lives," Fanny noted affectionately. Her journals end in December 1838.

There was a tragic postscript. When the Edens left India in March 1842 Auckland was disillusioned and haunted. The Afghan venture had ended terribly. "You'd seize my country, would you?" cried Dost Mohammed's son as he killed Macnaghten. Burnes' hacked body hung in the bazaar.

In January 1842 the retreating British Army, starving and frost-bitten, were butchered almost to a man. In London, a storm of condemnation rose around Lord Auckland. His sisters defended him furiously, but as an old saying went: There is no answer but the Afghan knife.

Tigers, Durbars and Kings: Fanny Eden's Indian Journals 1837-1838. Edited by Janet Dunbar. Murray. £13.95.

Remedial reading for the uninformed

Focussing on five centuries of imperialistic ebb and flow

By Leonard Bushkoff

THE Rise and Fall of the Greater Powers: Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500 to 2000, by Paul Kennedy. New York: Random House. 677 pp. \$24.95.

Here is an imposing book, awash with data, generalisations, and cautionary themes, its purpose nothing less than the interpretation of five centuries of imperial ebb and flow, first in the European peninsula, then the world as a whole.

The focus is on geopolitics, war and weaponry, military and diplomatic trends, and the economic and technological power underlying it all. The thesis is simple, perhaps overly so: that great powers, with hegemony their inevitable goal, eventually overstretch themselves, becoming tapped between growing commitments and dwindling income - and resistance to taxes - and so stumble downhill while competitors emerge.

The relevance to Reagan's America is obvious, as are allusions to restraint, prudence, accepting pressure gracefully. Kennedy, a British diplomatic historian now at Yale, has lived with imperial retreat. "The rise and fall ..." is a favoured construct of his as its corollary, "the orderly management of decline," is for other Britons. Do these constructs, however, fit American conditions? Kennedy is non-committal, but the message is implicit in his paraphrase of George Bernard Shaw: "Rome fell; Babylon fell; Scarsdale's turn will come."

Recent books have prepared the way. Walter Russell Mead's "Mortal Splendor: The American Empire in Transition" and David Calleo's "Beyond American Hegemony: The Future of the Western Alliance" both speak to

anxiety about deficit and trade problems, the Wall Street crash, and the upsurge of Asian competition. Kennedy's book has received admiring reviews that have boosted its sales in Washington particularly, while propelling him onto the television talk shows.

The book begins with the 16th-century Spanish and Austrian Hapsburgs, strong in polyglot armies and wealth from the Americas, but ultimately weakened by continual wars. There is France from Louis XIV to Napoleon, its pretensions to European hegemony consistently defeated by British-organised and subsidised coalitions. There is 19th-century Britain, swelling with industry, colonies, and naval power, but ebbing away as its monopoly of industrialisation ended. There is the rise of Russia and Japan as "banking states," the one an unconquerable and self-sufficient colossus, the other a new Venice after 1945, rising economically while eschewing military and diplomatic action. Above all, there is the United States, confusing its temporary hegemony after 1945 for permanence, and irresponsibly accepting deficits, even as eager competitors appeared in the western Pacific.

The crucial concept throughout is the transformation - via taxes, loans, plunder, and fiscal policy - of economic growth into military power, a process that Kennedy treats as vastly more significant than specific battles or diplomatic events, let alone individual leaders. His is a mechanistic, almost deterministic world in which policymaking is ignored, while history unrolls inexorably, shifting men and states on the global chessboard.

Professional historians are therefore certain to be very critical. Anyone familiar with the diplomatic classics of A.J.P.

Taylor or William Langer, or with David Landes' "The Unbound Prometheus," will recognize that "The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers" is not a work of innovation or a work of imagination, but of neat vulgarisation, with Kennedy summarising for a lay audience the specialised research of other scholars. Oversimplification is the price, for Kennedy's grasp loosens as he addresses issues - especially statistics - that overstretch his expertise in late 19th century diplomatic history.

These caveats may not disturb the general reader. But it is disturbing that Kennedy's presentation is slow, ponderous, some 540 jam-packed pages, precisely the sort of quasi-textbook that Americans blame when excusing their ignorance of history. Kennedy is no stylist; his paragraphs trudge toward infinity and urgently require blue penning. So the first two-thirds of the book is likely to be skimmed, with journalistic and political readers plunging in only with the cold war and the '80s.

So much for the debts; the credits, nevertheless, are substantial. Kennedy points out that, first, the US has joined the age-long procession of empire. No doubt its empire is informal, virtually invisible, with conquest replaced by bases, treaties, client states, intelligence operations, and sporadic military intervention. And no doubt this empire springs from anti-communist irritation and generosity rather than plunder: witness the Marshall Plan and the Peace Corps. Nevertheless, the traditional American state has evolved, unknowingly, into an imperial republic.

Second, empire is costly; deficit financing merely intensifies the crisis.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

A new angle on the literature of empire

By Anthony Rouse

THE arts, wrote the American novelist Katherine Anne Porter, "survive unchanged in all that matters through times of interruption, diminishment, neglect; they outlive governments and creeds and the societies, even the very civilisations that produced them."

Miss Porter wrote that during the last world war. In a less threatening time and in more frivolous mood, she might have added that the arts survive academic criticism also. Of these two books on the literature of the vanished British Empire, D.C.R.A. Goonetilleke's has the merit of making you feel that he enjoys and admires Kipling, Forster, Orwell and Paul Scott.

His fifth author is Leonard Woolf, who wrote three books set in Sri Lanka, where he worked in the Ceylon Civil Service from 1904 to 1911 before coming home and marrying Virginia. Woolf's novels do not sound much fun, although Goonetilleke says that *The Village in the Jungle* is the finest work written in English about Sri Lanka.

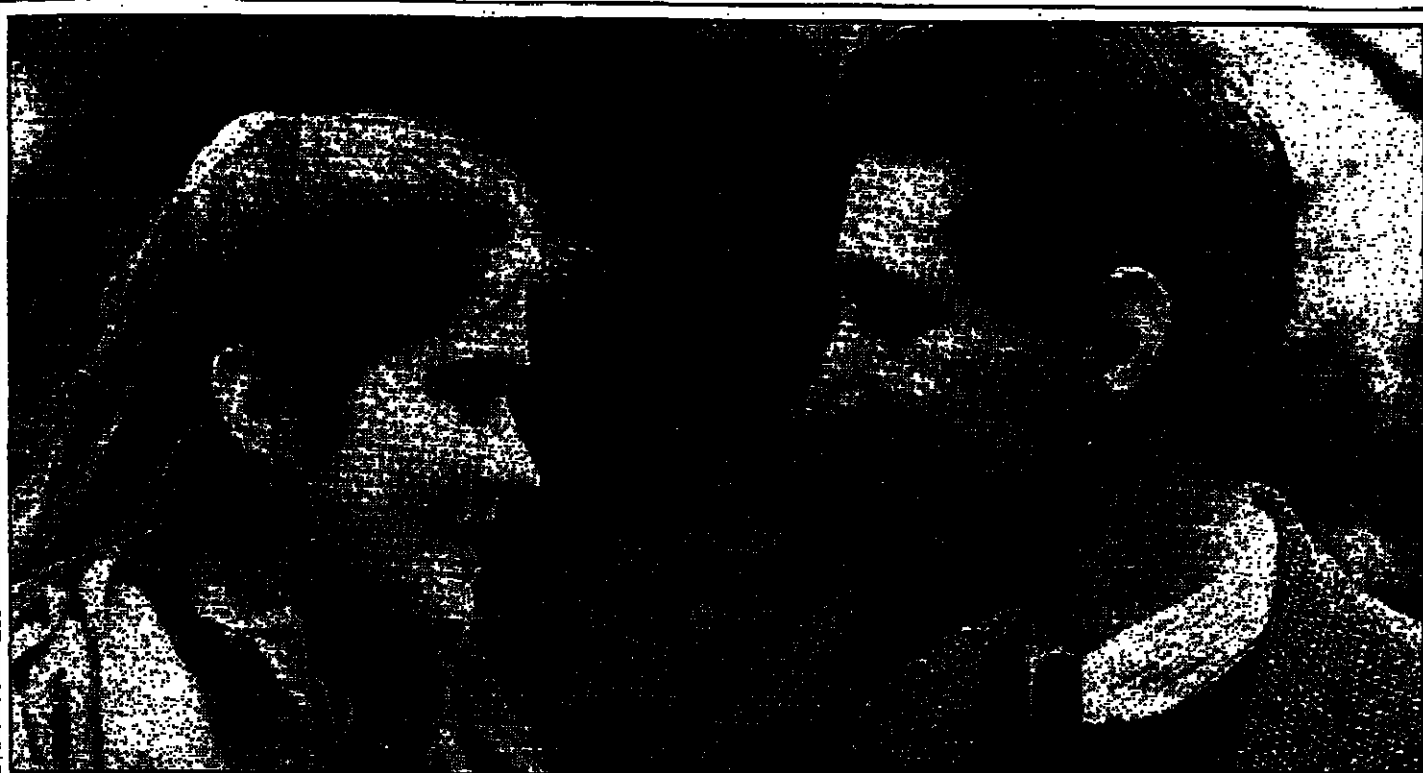
Goonetilleke hopes that, coming from Sri Lanka, he has a different perspective from a British critic on the literature of the Raj. It is not evident. What he has written might get you through a not very testing examination. The books are described more than illuminated and from time to time he makes the reader feel he is swimming in academic mulligatawny.

Images of the Raj: South Asia in the Literature of Empire. By D.C.R.A. Goonetilleke. Macmillan. £27.50.

ANDY CAPP



By Smith



Drawn together: Amanda Walklett with Robin Aboody who received her transplanted heart in a unique operation.

The heart has its reasons for bringing these two together

By Tim Rayment

IT STARTED as an ordinary miracle. Robin Aboody's heart transplant cost the country £10,000 and saved his life in a day. Then he made a discovery: The donor was still alive.

The doctors did not want to tell him, but Aboody soon learned the truth. His heart came from Amanda Walklett, a schoolgirl who had not only survived but was in the same ward. Now they say they will always be friends.

Aboody, a businessman whose heart had grown huge, and Walklett, a teenager whose lungs allowed her to walk just 100 yards, are among the first people to have had the 'domino' operation performed at a British hospital last year. The technique involves two living patients and a third who is deemed brain-dead. What are ethical implications?

then 29, first noticed the signs of a defective heart. Climbing stairs, or even shaving, left him out of breath.

Just under 200 miles away from Aboody's home in Manchester, John and Julie Walklett were beginning to worry about the dizzy spells and breathlessness of their daughter: early signals, at the age of nine, of the crippling pulmonary hypertension to come.

Aboody got worse, then better, then worse. The crisis came last March. He was told he needed a transplant, but it would take two years to find a heart. By this time the Walkletts—who now lived 15 minutes' drive away in Oldham—had been waiting for a heart and lungs for a year.

Fate brought them together on October 8. Harefield's telephone call to the Walkletts came at 7.20pm: a heart-lung donor had been found. The hospital called Aboody, who has the same A-positive blood group, 70 minutes later.

John Walklett drove his family to Harefield in 110 minutes, at an average speed of 117mph. Aboody was on the same motorway, calling a succession of friends on a car telephone to contain his nerves.

Their operations lasted five hours. At the end, she had a crash victim's heart and lungs and Aboody had her heart—but he assumed his donor was dead. When friends sent him a local newspaper report on Walklett, he guessed the truth.

Bizarre encounters in the hospital followed. "I saw her after a week, but she never twigged that I had her heart," Aboody recalls. "Then I started getting friendly with her father. He was interested in knowing who had Amanda's

happens to one of the pair there will be an unknown effect on the other half."

So far 13 of Yacoub's 78 domino patients have died. According to Kerry Boston, Harefield's director of nursing, most of the deaths came quickly, before deep friendships were formed.

This weekend, however, one patient is back in Harefield in a deteriorating state. Her partner—who was close to death until he received her heart—has not been told. Hospital staff are anxious, as his affection is known to be great.

Despite these worries, there is no doubt that the domino operation makes sense. John Walklett, a surgeon at Papworth, Cambridgeshire, saw the need for it as long ago as 1981, when he witnessed the world's first heart-lung transplant in Stanford, California. "At the end we all thought, 'Gee, why are we throwing this heart away?'" he revealed last week.

Papworth, Britain's second-biggest transplant centre, cannot do the operation because it does not have enough staff. But it is a heart-lung transplant, not a heart transplant. The heart-lung transplant, taken from its heart-lung patients, to Newcastle upon Tyne, Manchester or Harefield for the second transplant.

Many domino heart recipients feel intense gratitude which conquers all differences in lifestyle and age. "We haven't a lot in common, to be honest," admits Paul Taylor, 28, a catering manager with British Gas in Derby, whose heart once belonged to Mark Dolby, 27, of Maxey in Cambridgeshire. "I play golf and he builds caravans out of matchsticks. But it's wonderful to meet someone who has given you his life. You can thank them for saving you."

Similarly, Terry Sims, 45, is unlikely to forget Andrew Phillips, the young cystic fibrosis sufferer who gave him his heart. "I think of what he's gone through and what he's done for me," says Sims, whose transplant came after severe coronary heart disease. "A day doesn't go past without it crossing my mind."

Bell tolls for Greenwich Mean Time

By Martin Langfield

LONDON: Time is running out for GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), the British standard by which the world has set its clocks for more than 300 years.

Spending cuts at the Royal Greenwich Observatory, home of GMT, mean its time department will close in the early 1990s. And by the end of the decade, Britain may have turned its back on GMT for good, to harmonise its time-keeping with the rest of Europe.

The Royal Greenwich Observatory has set the international standard for precise time-keeping since King Charles II set it up in 1675.

In 1884 an international conference chose Greenwich over Paris, the pyramids of Egypt and the temple of Jerusalem as the prime reference point for calculating longitude and time zones around the globe.

But changes in funding policy and in the technology of precise time-keeping now mean the observatory concentrates on optical telescope research.

As the earth has been found to be a less regular time-keeper than the most accurate atomic clocks, which measure time by the vibrations of the cesium atom, precise time is no longer

calculated astronomically. So reckoning time is no longer the observatory's business.

Already the observatory's ageing atomic clocks, based since 1948 in a 15th-century castle at Herstmonceux in southern England, are running down, and will not be replaced.

"Eventually the clocks will fail. They're getting tired," said Dr John Pilkington, the observatory's head of time and the department's last full-time employee.

Since April last year the observatory no longer contributes to the international reckoning of time, now coordinated by the Bureau International de l'heure (BIH) in Paris.

The BIH compares readings from atomic clocks in some 24 countries around the world, accurate to within one hundred millionth of a second a day.

The department's clocks could contribute, but the number of people employed here makes it impossible to do the routine work necessary, Pilkington said.

"It's a form of natural progression, though it's distressing to some people, and distressing to me," Pilkington said. He added that in the 1950s the time department employed as many as 20 people. "It's an

emotional subject."

The observatory still supplies one of the best-known time-signals in the world, the 'six pipe' transmitted on the hour since 1924 by the British Broadcasting Corporation's world service.

But if some lobbyists have their way, the pipes will soon be giving European time.

They say staying on GMT is costing Britain dear.

"It's an anchormanism," said company chairman Lionel Altman, an outspoken advocate of moving Britain's clocks forward for good.

Closer links with continental Europe in the 1990s, such as a tunnel under the channel between Britain and France, mean Britain has to swallow its pride and conform to European time, he said.

"When the channel tunnel takes us into 90s we really have to adjust our watches halfway through the journey," Altman asked.

Most countries in Europe keep their clocks one to two hours ahead of GMT in order to capitalise on daylight. Britain has experimented with similar schemes, but ran into opposition from farmers, builders and people living in the north of the country who objected to darker mornings.

Since 1971, Britain has kept GMT in winter and put its clocks forward by an hour in summer.

A London-based think-tank, the Policy Studies Institute (PSI), says remaining on GMT contributes significantly to road accidents and wastes millions of pounds sterling in energy costs.

The government has said it is looking into the PSI's proposals to put the clocks forward permanently, to give British Standard Time (GMT plus one hour) in winter and double British Standard Time (GMT plus two) in summer.

But at the old royal observatory in the elegant south east London suburb of Greenwich, some traditions continue.

Visiting schoolchildren still amuse themselves by standing astride the brass line marking the prime meridian, the point of zero degrees longitude, with one foot in the Western Hemisphere and one in the eastern.

And on the roof of the old royal observatory, the world's first public time-signal still operates.

A large red metal ball is winched every day to the top of a mast shortly before one o'clock and dropped on the stroke of the hour.

Mercy killing: still a crime

By David Fletcher

MERCY killing should remain a crime and patients who ask their doctors to help them to die should expect to be refused, the British Medical Association said recently in a report following a two-year study of euthanasia.

There are circumstances in which doctors are justified in withholding active treatment from a dying patient to give a kind and gentle death rather than trying to prolong life to the last, it added.

Doctors are also justified in administering pain-killing drugs, even though these may shorten the patient's life, if the sole intention is to relieve suffering.

The report, by a committee chaired by Sir Henry Yellowles, former Government Chief Medical Officer, reached its conclusions after exhaustive study, including a visit to Holland where about 5,000 patients a year are assisted to die.

It says: "The law should not be changed and the deliberate taking of a human life should remain a crime. Any doctor, compelled by conscience to intervene to end a person's life, will do so prepared to face the closest scrutiny of this action that the law might wish to take."

Patients have the right to decline treatment but they do not have the right to demand treatment such as active intervention to end their lives, which the doctor cannot, in conscience, provide, says the report.

"Patients cannot and should not be able to require their doctors to collaborate in their death. If a patient does make such a request, there should be a presumption that the doctor will not agree."

The report urges doctors to discuss the fears of dying patients openly with them so they know they will not be abandoned and left helpless.

It says that any move towards liberalising the active termination of a severely malformed infant's life would herald a serious and incalculable change in the present ethos of medicine.

"Nevertheless there are circumstances where the doctor may judge correctly that continuing to treat an infant is cruel and that the doctor should ease the baby's dying rather than prolong it by the insensitive use of medical technology."

"It is imperative that the doctor should start from a position which seeks to preserve and value life rather than, on occasion, to judge it as not worthwhile."

When patients are dying the "usual practice" is said to be to make them comfortable and not to worry if the use of drugs or the failure to insert feeding tubes hastens the end.

The BMA's findings appear to be out of touch with public opinion, judged by a recent Mori poll, which found that seven people in 10 favour legalising mercy killing.

Egypt's premier oasis loses remoteness

Trading silver for gold

By John Rogers

SIWA, Egypt, April 11, (Reuters): Chunky silver bracelets from Siwa are as likely to adorn Western travellers these days as the girls of Egypt's premier oasis for whom they were made.

While tourists snap up traditional Siwan silver wedding ornaments on the spot or in Cairo's bazaars, Siwans prefer modern gold jewellery.

"They stopped making silver 50 years ago," said Kasem Gabr, Siwa's governor. "For 10 years now, they've stopped using silver and started using gold. Now it's worth nothing to give a bride silver. They sell them, they don't wear them."

It's one of many signs that outside influence has taken hold in Siwa, a town surrounded by scattered villages and groves of olive trees and date palms in a western desert depression near the Libyan border.

"It's changing fast," said Mahdi Hweity, who runs the local tourist office. "Instead of old baskets, they bring plastic baskets from Cairo. Instead of traditional wedding dresses, they buy white dresses from Cairo."

A local handicrafts cooperative and smart boutiques in the capital do a brisk trade in colourful Siwan palm baskets and old embroidered Siwan shawls, dresses and trousers decorated with buttons or shells.

But Siwa, 580 km (360 miles) west of Cairo and a three-hour drive southwest from the Mediterranean town of Mersa Matruh, has retained its unique character.

The people speak their own language, based on indigenous North African Berber dialects, as well as Arabic.

Some of Siwa's 10,000 peo-

ple have negroid features from slave forebears. Others have pale eyes—perhaps a legacy of invaders who came to consult the ancient oracle for which Siwa was renowned in ancient times.

Donkeys, the Egyptian peasant's beast of burden, abound. But the Siwans ban female donkeys.

They depend on donkeys for hard work in the fields and think they should not lose their energies," explained Gabr. Male donkeys are imported from central Egypt.

Isolation has helped preserve Muslim practices, and married Siwan women venture out of their homes only if they are veiled in a grey cotton shawl called a "Milaya".

Such traditions will continue, says Hweity, a 26-year-old Siwan who went away to university and was brought back by the government to handle a growing tourist trade.

"There are two things it will be impossible to change, 100 years from now—the language and the Milaya," he said.

Siwa is only 50 km (30 miles) from Libya, with which Egypt fought a border war in 1977 and has been on bad terms since.

"Up to 10 years ago, people used to walk to Libya... but the war changed that," Hweity said.

Egyptian army units are stationed at the oasis and, because it is in a military area, tourists need special travel permits.

But they are easy to obtain, and governor Gabr predicts the flow of visitors will increase from last year's record, 4,000.

Many are back-packers from Western Europe, Australia or New Zealand, or foreigners who work in Cairo.

Getting here is becoming easier all the time. But it used to be tough.



A jeweller in Cairo's Khan El-Khalili bazaar shows a customer heavy silver bracelets from Siwa, an oasis in the western desert.

Turner set for record sale

By Sarah Jane Checkland

A MAJOR painting by Turner may well establish a record for the artist when it comes under the hammer in July, according to Christie's. It has been sent for sale by Mr Evelyn de Rothschild, the British merchant banker, with a modest estimate of £6 million—£1 million less than the previous record for the artist in 1984.

A late work, dated 1839 and entitled "Cicero at his Villa", the painting is supremely romantic in mood, showing the tiny form of the ancient statesman gesticulating as he shows his home, and the hazy rolling landscape which surrounds it, to his companion.

Turner had seen a painting of the same subject by Richard Wilson in 1779. That, and the material accumulated in his travel sketchbook of 1819, particularly a view of the Villa Frascati, helped to form the basis of the composition.

"Another of Turner's exam-



Turner's 'Cicero at his Villa' will come under the hammer in July.

ples of reviving with colour and picturing the dreams of his fantasy," was how a critic described it when he first saw it at the Royal Academy in 1939.

By 1845, "Cicero" was in the collection of Joseph Gillot, a steel manufacturer. After his death it was sold, along with the rest of Gillot's collection, at Christie's in 1872 for £1,470 guineas. Then the painting entered a period of limbo, pass-

ing through a number of hands until Mr Evelyn de Rothschild's father, Anthony, acquired it from Knoedler, the London dealers, in 1928.

Mr Simon Dickinson, of Christie's, said: "The painting is in fantastic condition, with all the original glazes intact. Turner is a magic name. There are an awful lot of people around the world, both public and private, who badly want a

great late work by him."

As most late paintings by the artist are secure within the Turner bequest, very few are in private hands. The work has not been included in any of the recent Turner exhibitions, so Christie's has a job ahead marketing it. A whistle-stop tour is planned for America, and the auction house is considering taking the painting to Japan.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Strong yen propels country toward leadership

Japan becoming biggest donor of development aid

TOKYO, June 5. (AP): Japan will surpass the United States soon as the world's biggest donor of foreign development aid and is both proud and wary of its new status.

The strength of the yen helped to propel the country toward leadership in the broad category of aid called Official Development Assistance, ODA, as it is known, does not include military aid, and Japanese officials like to call it "pure" aid.

Largest
"The Japanese are not yet used to the position of a country which is expected to — and which is providing the largest ODA," said Masamichi Hanabusa, the top aid official in the Foreign Ministry.

"With that status substantial responsibility will follow. We are not used to it."

Japan's emergence as an economic superpower has given it wide responsibilities and the country is searching for its voice in such areas as economic coordination and setting currency values, as well as in aid.

It's not easy being at the top of the aid-granting ladder, as the United States found.

The Japanese government has been criticised at home for buttressing dictators or fueling corruption, and aid recipients have pleaded for more grants and complained about loan terms.

Until about 10 years ago Japan's development aid served mostly to promote exports and assure the supply of raw materials, Juichi Inada writes in the current issue of the scholarly semi-annual, Japan review of international affairs.

Resentment of too much Japanese self-interest led to a change in policy, Inada writes, and in 1977 the government announced it would triple aid in three years, with emphasis on the general promotion of peace and prosperity.

By 1985 Japan's development aid had grown to \$3.8 billion, trailing only France at \$3.9 billion and the United States at \$9.4 billion.

Late that year the Western powers agreed to cut the value of the dollar. The yen soared more than other currencies, and the dollar value of Japan's aid rose 47 percent in 1986 to \$5.6 billion, second to the United States' \$9.8 billion.

When the 1987 disbursement figures are in, Japan's aid will have grown to about \$7.4 billion, Hanabusa said, and the budget for the Japanese fiscal year that started April 1 calls for spending \$10 billion.

Since US aid — Washington spent \$8.8 billion on development aid in 1987 — is held down by budget restraints, the Japanese feel they will overtake the United States during this fiscal year.

Encouraged
They're getting no argument from Washington, which has encouraged Japan repeatedly to expand its development aid.

The US deputy defence secretary, William Howard Taft IV, told the Senate defence appropriations subcommittee recently that Japan will surpass the United States this year and can afford a further "dramatic increase."

Measured against size of the economy, Japan's aid is not outstandingly generous. This year it will be about 0.3 percent of the Gross National Product, higher than the US rate of 0.23 percent but below the average of 0.36 percent among major Western donor countries.

Japan is expected to announce a further hike in aid at the Toronto summit of the seven big free-market democracies in mid-June.

Over 40 percent of the increase in Japan's aid is due to the higher value of the yen, said Hanabusa, who is director-general of the Economic Cooperation Bureau in the Foreign Ministry.

He pointed out that the aid outlay also has risen in yen, even though the overall government budget is frozen. This, he said, demonstrates a strong commitment to development aid.

The yen's strength has caused trouble for countries that took yen loans and now have to repay by earning devalued dollars.

"This is not our fault," Hanabusa said. Japan has provided new loans to such borrowers and reduced interest rates to an average of 2.6 percent. "But here it is a bit difficult for us to satisfy those borrowers completely," he told the Associated Press in an interview.

Giving aid can be a vexing responsibility, Hanabusa said, citing as an example the Philippines, where Japan is the largest single donor to the troubled

government of President Corason Aquino.

"We have doubled our assistance last year, but we are a little ill at ease," he said. "We are not controlling that country, which we shouldn't. We really don't know that what we do is actually taking effect."

Other cases have worked out more fruitfully. Japanese aid was a major factor in Indonesia's becoming self-sufficient in rice, Hanabusa said.

Some Thais, however, have criticised Japanese aid projects as designed mostly to benefit Japanese construction companies — a barb that caused Hanabusa to respond heatedly: "If Thais really believe that what we did in Thailand is for the Japanese, I think the Japanese tax payers would revolt, for sure."

Element
Hanabusa acknowledged that Japan, like other countries, has an element of self-interest in giving aid.

But, he went on, "Japanese aid is purer than the others in that we have no colonial inclination, we have no strategic consideration, we have no wish to impose our will on others."

"From that angle, I think our aid is genuine development assistance, pure and simple. And this fact is appreciated by many. But if you appreciate it, you don't necessarily say so."

Japan also is recycling \$30 billion of its trade surplus to developing countries and international banks, but that sum is all loans, coming partly from private sources, and does not count as official development assistance.

ODA is defined as coming from the government, and being at least 25 percent grants. It does not include military aid, a factor that raises the US overall 1988 aid bill to \$14.1 billion, since the United States is a big provider of military assistance.

The Japanese constitution forbids military action as a government policy, so the military budget is low and the country has leeway for greater contributions to development aid while the United States carries more of the military burden.

About 70 percent of Japan's aid goes to Asian countries. The biggest recipient is China, a country that does not receive US development aid.

Egypt expects record revenue from Suez Canal

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): Egypt expects to earn a record \$1.292 billion from Suez Canal tolls in 1988, up from \$1.222 billion in 1987, the government-owned Al-Akhar newspaper said today.

The newspaper, quoting Suez Canal Authority chairman Ezzat Adel, said the 195 km (120 mile) canal earned \$539 million in the first five months of 1988, \$20 million more than the same period last year.

Adel said a cut in tolls for long-haul bulk carriers since April last year had brought extra revenue to the canal, despite the Gulf war and fewer oil exports.

The canal is one of the main hard currency earners for Egypt along with tourism, oil and remittances from overseas workers.

Iraq should return to OPEC oil quota system: Ecuador

QUITO, June 5. (Reuters): Iraq should return to the OPEC oil quota system because the exemption of such an important producer is destabilising the market, Ecuador Energy Minister Fernando Santos Alvide said.

Iraq was OPEC's second largest producer and "we hold that the absence of such an important producer like Iraq from the system is a destabilising factor," he said.

Support
Santos Alvide also told a news conference on Friday that Ecuador would support a 300,000 barrel per day cut for the second half of the year out of the total OPEC production ceiling of 15.6 million barrels during the first half.

"I think that a 300,000 barrel cut by OPEC and the 180,000 barrel cut by non-OPEC members discussed last April are sufficient for the time being," Santos Alvide said.

The reduction should be completed by Iraq's participation in the OPEC quota system and should be proportionate to each OPEC member's production, not divided into equal quantities for each member, he said.

Iraq, at war with Iran since 1982, has been demanding a quota at least equal system adopted by the 13-member oil organisation.

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Egypt to regulate investment firms

CAIRO, June 5. (Reuters): The Egyptian cabinet approved a draft law yesterday to regulate controversial Islamic investment firms which control billions of dollars in savings.

The draft, which still has to be approved by parliament, was aimed at safeguarding depositors' money and ensuring that the firms operated on a solid basis, Information Minister Safwat Sharif said.

Attracted
Up to a dozen Islamic companies, offering high returns, have attracted the private savings of hundreds of thousands of small investors in Egypt, an overwhelmingly Muslim country.

But there has been little regulation and bankers and government officials fear any collapse could cause a financial crisis.

Because Islam bans payment of interest, the companies operate a risk-sharing scheme under which depositors accept a share of company profits — or losses.

Some have paid returns of 20 percent or higher, compared with bank interest rates of about 13 percent.

One state-owned bank estimated that the four biggest Islamic firms controlled \$2 billion in deposits.

Details of the draft law were not announced, but newspapers said the aim was to regulate the firms in the same way as banks or insurance firms by submitting them to supervision by an official agency, the Capital Markets Authority, without interfering in their daily administration.

The firms will be given a year to issue depositors with investment deeds, rather than just receipts, which would give them priority over the company owners in recovering funds, the press reports said.

A row loomed today over a draft law to regulate Egypt's Islamic investment companies, which controls billions of dollars deposited by hundreds of thousands of savers.

Owners of several top firms plan to call a meeting to discuss a joint response to the draft approved by the cabinet yesterday, a company source said.

The draft, which now goes to parliament, would allow the government to dissolve companies

deemed harmful to economic and security interests.

It would also set up the first detailed regulatory system, with jail terms or fines for violators, for the Islamic firms, whose power grown throughout the 1980s to the concern of government officials and bankers worried about their stability.

The privately-owned companies operate a risk-sharing scheme and do not pay fixed interest, banned by Islam. They offer higher returns than banks — around 20 percent a year against about 13 percent.

Estimates of their total deposits vary from \$2.5 billion to \$6 billion.

Tarek Abu Hussein, owner of the Hoda-Misr Group, one of the biggest Islamic firms, said he and other investors were considering calling a mass meeting of depositors, apparently to rally popular support against the draft.

"If the law is good or bad, it is not up to me to decide, it will affect all the people with their money invested," he told Reuters. "It is between the people and the government."

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Abu Dhabi sets up new council

ABU DHABI, June 5. (UPI): Abu Dhabi, a key OPEC member, today set up a new Higher Council for Petroleum after abolishing the Petroleum Department and dissolving the board of directors of the emirate's national oil company, ADNOC, the official emirates news agency reported.

A decree issued by UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan named Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed. Al Nahayan's eldest son, as chairman of the Higher Council for Petroleum, the agency said.

Abolished
Officials said the Petroleum Department, which used to supervise all the government's relations with oil operating companies and their exploration and production activities, has been abolished.

However, they added,

ADNOC will remain alive maintaining the emirate's activities in marketing, exploration and downstream operations.

The officials said many of the board members of both the Petroleum Department and ADNOC, including UAE Oil Minister, Mansour bin Otaiba and ADNOC's Chairman Sheikh Tahnoun bin Mohammed, have been included in the 11-member council.

World Business Summary

Turkey establishes hazelnut union

ANKARA, June 5. (AP): In an attempt to live up to its reputation as the world's largest hazelnut producer and exporter, Turkey recently established an international union in a joint effort with some other exporter and importer countries. The members of the group include Italy, Spain and West Germany, both importers and exporters, and the United States and France, only importers. "Turkey is the leading country in the global hazelnut market, producing 75 per cent of the world's hazelnut crop and having 70 per cent of the world's import market," said Ertugrul Onen, the general director of the exports department at the Treasury and foreign trade undersecretary. But he added that Turkey also wanted to play an active role in organising the global hazelnut market. Onen said a powerful importers' organisation in Hamburg, West Germany, Waren Verein, had set all the rules in the global hazelnut market until now. "But this has got to be changed," he added. He added that the union would also seek ways to increase hazelnut production and consumption worldwide. The union is expected to start functioning in a few months following a general convention meeting. Its headquarters will be in Ankara.

South Korean oil imports up by 30pc

SEOUL, June 5. (Opecna): South Korea imported 58.7 million tons or more than 470 million barrels of crude oil during the first quarter of this year, an increase of 30 per cent over the levels in the same period in 1987, according to the Energy and Resources Ministry here. The oil bill for the period amounted to \$962 million up 30 per cent over last year's figure. Total energy imports, including coal and natural gas, reached \$1.29 billion during this year's first quarter, an increase of 32 per cent compared to the same months of 1987. "Yonhap" news agency reported that figures released by the ministry also showed that South Korea's energy consumption during the first three months rose by 13.8 per cent compared to the same period last year.

The ministry attributed the increase in demand to rising needs of an average of 17 per cent by the industrial and transportation sectors which consumed about 19 million tons or 139 million barrels of oil equivalent.

Special committee to investigate allegations

KATHMANDU, June 5. (UPI): A special Indian parliamentary committee is investigating allegations of improper government officials for their favourable treatment of a Japanese bid on the construction of a \$130 million cement plant, parliamentary sources said today. The committee was formed last month following allegations in the local press that senior Nepalese officials were imposing qualifying conditions for the bidding favourable to the Japanese, said an official. The cement factory in question, called Udaypur, has the capacity of producing 800 tons of high-grade cement daily to meet Nepal's soaring demands. Japan is Nepal's largest aid donor and she offers Nepal both grants and loans for projects such as hospital construction, and agricultural aid. South Korea, China, India and Yugoslavia have shown interest in bidding for the factory construction, an official said.

Venezuela to launch \$100m Eurobond issue

CARACAS, June 5. (Reuters): Venezuela will launch a Eurobond issue worth at least \$100 million, the second issue since its relatively good debt repayment record allowed it to return to the bond market in February. The Eurobonds have a five-year life and a spread of at least 1.625 percentage points over London, interbank offered rates, a Finance Ministry spokeswoman said yesterday. She said the bonds registered in Luxembourg would be issued on July 20 and market response would determine if the total amount placed could go as high as \$150 million. Foreign bankers and Washington-based economists estimate Venezuela has about \$30 billion invested outside the country, almost equal to the country's \$30.3-billion foreign debt, the fourth biggest in Latin America.

Saudi Cairo Bank trims 1987 losses

RIYADH, June 5. (Reuters): Saudi Cairo Bank, supported by a government rescue package after a series of financial problems, said today it had cut 1987 losses by more than 44 per cent.

The Jeddah-based bank said it trimmed the year's net loss to 33.2 million riyals (\$8.9 million) from 59.7 million (\$16 million) in 1986, the largest ever deficit declared by a bank operating in Saudi Arabia.

Marked
Saudi Cairo is the last of the kingdom's nine joint-venture banks to report 1987 earnings, a year in which several showed a marked improvement after a four-year cycle of slumping profits.

The governor of the Saudi Central Bank was quoted today as saying business confidence was returning to the kingdom and although banks were still setting aside provisions against bad and doubtful debts they had begun to step up new lending.

Hamad Al Sayari, head of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, told the Jeddah-based

Arab News, capital was also being brought back from abroad after last October's world stock market crash.

But Saudi Cairo's audited results, published in the local press, showed underlying operating income last year dipped 17 per cent to 448.4 million riyals (\$120 million).

The reduced losses were due to a fall in loan loss provisions to just 14.5 million riyals (\$3.9 million) from 114.0 million (\$30.4 million) in 1986.

The state-owned Public Investment Fund is injecting 300 million riyals (\$80 million) into the bank to double its capital in a rescue package.

Dilutes
This dilutes the shareholding of Saudi Cairo's foreign partner Banque Du Caire to 20 per cent from 40 per cent.

The bank's troubles began in the early 1980s when it suffered losses after speculating in precious metals. Bank officials said later a large part of its loan portfolio had gone sour and it declared zero profit for 1985.

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Stock market committee debates study

KUWAIT'S Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid announced that the stock market committee is studying the stock market management in respect of positions of companies listed in the curb market.

The minister, stated, that the committee had decided to permit such dealings in the market for another six months, thereby, reversing the previous decision banning curb deals. He added, the committee had set up criteria and conditions governing the registration and trading in closed companies at the Kuwaiti Bourse. These conditions related to the paid-up capital of these companies; submission of registration formalities, possibility of floating new shares to expand the shareholding base and defining share prices of companies registered in the stock market.

Concluding, the minister expressed satisfaction over the success achieved by the introduction of the new clearance system and referred to the announcement of the director of the stock market wherein he had declared that the system was functioning smoothly.

Surplus funds had exerted downward pressure on short-term rates on Saturday, while fixed periods had edged up ahead of a KD 100 million issue of Wednesday Treasury bills on Wednesday.

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High interest bank accounts offshore

By Midas

BEFORE I get down to today's subject, here's a lovely joke that illustrates one of the problems facing today's investor. President Reagan is trying to calm investors' fears about the stock market, so he calls a press conference and announces firmly, "If I wasn't the President, I'd go right out and invest all my money in stocks." From the back of the room somebody shouts, "If you weren't the President, so would we!"

Dodgy

Okay, point taken, the stock markets are still a bit dodgy. So what's the safest alternative? The obvious answer is an offshore bank account, where you can earn tax free interest with a really solid, international bank. Of course, you won't double your money in a few weeks, but you should be able to earn a few percentage points over the rate of inflation.

Above all, you can sleep easily at night, knowing that your money is safe and secure. There are several different types of accounts, but for today's article I want to concentrate on the high interest current account. This simply means that the account not only pays interest, but you can also write cheques on it.

Typically, these accounts are found in branches of the major British banks and financial institutions located in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man. Both of these places have pretty strict financial regulations, but even so, stick to rule number one, only deal with world famous banks that everyone has heard of. The others may well pay higher interest, but could be no more substantial than a brass plaque on the wall.

Easy

Lloyds, Barclays, Standard Chartered, Midland and Lombard (a subsidiary of the National Westminster) are all household names which offer high interest current accounts. They each have their own rules and regulations, but operate in much the same fashion.

Lloyds are alone in requiring no minimum deposit, you can open an account with just one pound. Lombard and Standard Chartered each require an initial

deposit of a £1,000. Midland want £2,000 and Barclays £2,500.

All you have to do is send them a cheque or money order for the required amount and a short letter asking them to open an account in your name. Easy as pie.

When they reply they'll send you plenty of leaflets explaining how their own individual accounts operate. Sometimes, they stipulate a minimum withdrawal, mainly to make the administration more cost effective. Barclays have a £250 minimum, Midland £100, the rest have no minimum at all.

Charges One of the more useful facilities of such an account is to use it for standing orders to pay things like mortgages, insurance premiums and the like. Barclays allow one standing order per account, which must be for more than £20. Lombard and Midland do not allow standing orders or direct debits at all.

Another point to bear in mind is the question of bank charges. Cheques drawn on such accounts with Midland and Standard Chartered are free of charge.

However, as with all of these accounts, you will have to pay for special services such as telegraphic transfers.

Barclays and Lloyds allow one free cheque per quarter, after that you pay 50p per cheque. Lombard give you one free cheque book, after you've used that, then you have to pay 35p per cheque.

Interest Finally, there is the actual interest rate which your deposit will earn. These fluctuate continually, so it isn't worth quoting rates which will be out of date in a matter of weeks.

There are two points to remember. The first is that a high interest current account will always pay less than a fixed term savings account, since it is more flexible. The current account is not the place to keep vast piles of cash, rather it should be used as a staging post, a place to accumulate a reasonable sum before investing it elsewhere.

Alternatively, you can use the current account for cash you might need at short notice. It will earn a certain amount of interest while it's waiting to be used.

The other thing to look for when you are considering the interest rate, is how often it is paid. Naturally, the more often the interest is paid into your account, the quicker you start earning interest on the interest, which is where compound interest really gets interesting.

(Sorry about that!) Conversely, if they only pay interest every year, you will effectively be receiving a lower rate than if it were paid monthly.

Lloyds pay interest every month, at a rate which depends on how much you have in your account. The more you have, the higher the rate. Barclays, Standard Chartered and Midland all pay quarterly, again the rate depends on how much money is in the account.

Stable Lombard, pay out interest every time the rate actually changes, or at least twice yearly if rates remain stable. With those banks which have a minimum deposit for the high interest current accounts, you lose quite a bit of interest if your balance falls below the required level. This means that it's worth checking that you always maintain the minimum amount.

OAPEC convenes ministerial council meeting

THE Ministerial Council of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) yesterday convened its 40th meeting at the General Secretariat headquarters in Kuwait.

The meeting, which was held at the level of ministerial representatives, was chaired by Saleh Said Khawaja, representative of Libya, whose turn it is to chair the 1988 session of the council.

Agenda Items on the agenda relating to OAPEC activities included listening to a report about the progress of work on the Arab Oil Industry Data Bank.

The council emphasised the need to develop the bank to enable it to fulfil its assigned functions. The council also considered a report about the sixth working meeting between OAPEC and the Commission of the European Communities and issued a directive that these annual meetings focus on strengthening cooperation between the two institutions with the aim of developing the Arab oil and energy industry.

In addition, the council considered the General Secretariat's report about the outcome of the fourth Arab energy conference, which was held in Baghdad from



The OAPEC ministerial council meeting in progress.

March 14 to 17, 1988.

It thanked the Republic of Iraq for hosting the conference and lauded its central role in the conference's success. It also commended the efforts exerted by the conference sponsoring institutions, and in particular the staff and factory preparations made by OAPEC's General Secretariat, which acts as the conference

secretariat. It recommended that the conclusions of the conference be used as future guidelines.

The council ratified the organisation's financial statute and approved the final accounts for 1987 of the General Secretariat, the judicial tribunal, and the Arab Petroleum Training Institute. It also studied the 1987 annual report of the training ins-

titute. The council expressed its appreciation and thanks to the state of Kuwait for providing facilities that helped create an atmosphere conducive to the meeting's success.

The council decided to hold its forty-first meeting in Kuwait during the last week of November 1988.

KD deposit rates barely changed

KUWAITI dinar interbank deposits were barely changed yesterday in a dull market brought on by the European weekend, but some fixed periods displayed a softer tone in response to high market liquidity.

Day-to-day funds remained well-offered, with overnight at 1/4 per cent and tomorrow-next at 1/4 per cent. Spot-next was offered at two, then three per cent with deals reported at those levels.

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The Gulf Bank weekly market report

KD exchange rate easier against dollar

Based on last week opening middle market FX rates, the Kuwaiti dinar exchange rate was easier against US dollar ending the week at 276.07 fils compared with its week before last closing of 274.63 fils. Against the pound sterling, the dinar was higher ending the week at 501.34 fils compared with its week before last closing of 510.95 fils. The dinar was also firmer against the mark ending the week at 159.67 fils compared with its week before last closing of 160.88 fils.

The dinar was also higher against the Swiss franc ending the week at 191.43 fils compared with its week before last closing at 192.86 fils. As against the Jordanian dinar, the dinar was higher ending the week at 757.39 fils compared with its week before last closing of 763.92 fils. The dinar was mostly unchanged against the GCC currencies.

The Central Bank of Kuwait announced its issue No. 14 for Treasury Bills dated 8/6/1988 of KD100 million.

US dollar

The dollar ended a holiday-shortened week mostly firmer against other major currencies except for the Canadian dollar and the Australian dollar which remained strong and attractive to investors. The dollar rally was underpinned by higher short-term US interest rates and speculation of Fed raising the discount rate which attracted from a weaker sterling while technical factors continued to fuel the dollar bullish sentiment. The dollar breached main resistance points against the yen and mark at 125.50 and 1.72 levels.

The set of US economic data released over the week have mostly given the dollar further support.

Japanese yen

The yen opened the week steady against the US dollar at 124.93/03 yen but broke out of its recent tight trading range to breach resistance at 125.50 yen level ending the week lower at 126.03/08 yen against week before last closing of 124.90/95 yen. Bank of Japan Governor Sumita said that it would be difficult to expect the dollar to keep rising. He also said the bank will keep a close eye on Japanese commodity prices and watch US interest rates.

Japan's (unadjusted) current account surplus fell for the 4th straight month to \$7.12 billion in April from a surplus of \$8.15 a year earlier and \$8.12 billion a month ago, while the unadjusted trade surplus in April fell to a surplus of \$8.49 billion from surpluses of \$8.89 billion a year ago and \$9.24 billion a month ago.

Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week easier above 1.72 resistance point against the US dollar at 1.7250/60 marks and further weakened to 1.7326/31 before the mark staged a modest recovery closing the week slightly firmer at 1.7277/82 against week before last closing of 1.7165/70 marks.

On the cross rates the mark strengthened against the sterling opening the week at 3.189/192 marks but ending sharply higher at 3.098/100 mark against week before last closing of 3.181/183 marks.

Also against the yen the mark strengthened to end the week at 1.3700/20 marks per 100 against week before last closing of 1.3795/3815. President of Bundesbank saw mark weakness against US dollar as temporary.

Pound sterling

The pound sterling weakened significantly as the market transferred interest to the dollar. The fall has been attributed by some to a recovery for the mark, while others said that the pound had overreached itself during a period of lethargy for the dollar and had clearly been due for a set back.

Concern over the UK trade position and inflation also fuelled the selling. The 1/2 point rise in UK base rates on Thursday June 2 failed to provide support for sterling. Even though most economists believe the dip is only temporary, several say another UK rate rise may be needed to put a floor under sterling. In the days to come the fate of sterling would depend largely on the dollar's behaviour. The pound opened the week higher at \$1.8488/89 but ended sharply lower at \$1.7950/60, compared to its week before last closing at \$1.8560/70.

French franc

The French franc opened the week against the US dollar at 5.7980/30 francs and ended sharply lower at 5.8355/85 francs compared to its week before last closing at 5.7735/65 francs. Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy said that French interest rates are unlikely to rise in the next few months and their recent fall should help finance budget plans.

Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at 1.4402/12 francs and closed near the same level at 1.4400/10, but lower than its week before last closing of 1.4345/55 francs. Major Swiss banks raised their customer time deposits rates on all maturities by 1/4 point on May 31.

Precious metals

Precious metals prices increased sharply last week as the sharp rise in the cost of commodities such as soybeans, grains and some base metals exacerbated fears about inflation and prompted some operators to buy precious metals as a hedge against it.

Gold

Gold bullion prices opened the week at \$454.50/455 and ended the week higher at \$464.50/465, recording gains of \$12.40 compared to its week before last closing of \$452.10/452.60. During the week gold prices reached a four month peak of about \$466 buoyed by inflation fears and rising silver prices before it came to a lower close.

Silver

Silver bullion prices opened the week at \$6.64/6.66 and closed sharply higher at \$7.32/7.34, gaining 76 cents compared to its week before last closing of \$6.56/6.58. Silver's next upside target looks to be \$7.50 and may even reach 8.00 before running out of momentum. However, silver is in surplus and is not likely to be able to sustain prices much above \$7.00 for long, according to analysts.

Platinum

Platinum prices continued to firm, opening the week at \$600/603 and ending sharply higher at \$610/613, recording gains of around \$28.50 compared to its week before last closing of \$581.50/583.

Oil prices

Oil prices in the world markets were unchanged last week. Spot prices for North Sea Brent crude were between \$16.15—16.45 range. Prices for July cargoes were also unchanged ranging between \$16.50—16.70.

Oil prices are likely to remain within a narrow range until the coming OPEC meeting rescheduled to be held in Vienna early next week to discuss prices and production levels for the second half of this year.

World stocks

Wall Street stock prices firmed sharply, climbing over the key 2000 level for the first time in two weeks, as a strong dollar, an easing of concern about inflation and hopes that interest rates will not head higher in the immediate future sent prices higher. The Dow Jones industrial average opened the week at 2031 and closed sharply higher at 2071, recording gains of 115 points against week before last closing of 1956.

Rajiv seeking more W. German investment

BONN, June 5, (Reuters): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi arrives in West Germany tomorrow seeking greater industrial investment which he believes could also help solve the problem of his country's population explosion.

Rajiv, who will spend three days in talks with political and industrial leaders, told the West German newspaper Die Welt that he was mainly interested in partnerships which produced goods in India for general export or re-export to West Germany.

Ventures Cooperative ventures were needed to expand the economy, whose growth would affect India's birth rate.

Although India planned to continue its birth control programme, even if it had not fulfilled expectations, better education for women and economic growth were more important.

The problem will then be solved automatically," he told Die Welt.

Bonn wants West German firms to involve themselves more in India and for its part the government plans to sign an agreement during the visit making available 700 million marks (\$412 million) to modernise India's Rourkela Steelworks.

The Indian leader told Die Welt, which released excerpts of the interview ahead of Monday publication, that if West German firms did not intensify manufacturing partnerships, India's negative trade balance with the West would only worsen.

He accused European industry of letting chances slip by in India. These had been more quickly recognised and used by Japan, as shown by the close cooperation that had sprung up between the Indian and Japanese car industries.

Improved Rajiv said practical cooperation between West German and Indian firms would be improved in the near future, a possible reference to complaints from West German industry that Indian bureaucracy made it difficult for them to operate efficiently.

He has already promised to cut back the red tape. Rajiv's first West German

stop will be in Stuttgart and Munich, the new centre of the country's industrial might. Besides talks with regional political leaders, he will meet officials of West Germany's largest industrial entity, Daimler-Benz, and the giant Siemens electrical company.

His arrival in Bonn with his wife Sonia on Tuesday marks the official part of his visit, which will include talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Richard von Weizsäcker.

He will also address the West German Industrial and Trade Association, a main forum for industrial investment.

Tribute Bonn's chief government spokesman, Friedhelm Ott, paid tribute in a statement today to India's weight as a regional power and a voice of the non-aligned nations.

India, he said, was "an interesting partner with whom we want to work more closely."

Ott said India was the largest recipient of West German development aid, having received a total of 8.9 billion marks (\$5.2 billion) of financial help since 1958 and 696 million marks (\$410 million) worth of technical aid.

He said the Rourkela Steelworks was Bonn's largest single aid project, for which 1.2 billion marks (\$705 million) in credits had been granted.

West Germany in 1986-87 supplied 9.6 per cent of India's imports and took 5.9 per cent of its exports.

Rajiv is currently in Syria. He then travels to West Germany before heading to the UN General Assembly's special disarmament session in New York.

From New York he flies to Budapest to meet Hungary's new leader, Karoly Grosz.

IDB grant

JEDDAH, June 5, (Reuters): The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank said it signed an agreement today to offer a grant of \$1.467 million to Ghana for educational projects.

The agreement was part of its policy of supporting social and educational projects for Muslim communities in non-member countries.

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VICINI'S SIDE GETS A SHOCK BEFORE EURO-TOURNAMENT

Rush helps Wales surprise Italy



Rush (right) scored the only goal

BRESCIA, Italy, June 5. (Reuters): Ian Rush led Wales to a 1-0 victory over a shocked Italy in a soccer friendly yesterday in the Italians' last warm-up game for the European Championship finals.

Wales came to Italy as the underdogs after failing to qualify for the European finals but by playing a tight defensive game they frustrated the home side's numerous attempts to score.

Determination

The visitors threw almost all their men into defence during much of the first half until a throw-in into the Italian half by Pat van den Hauwe in the 37th minute.

Rush, showing more determination than he displayed during his first season for Italian club Juventus, collected the ball and turned from a seemingly impossible tight position behind defender Giuseppe Bergomi to send the ball into the net beyond the reach of goalkeeper Walter Zenga.

It was Italy's first international defeat for more than six months and came ahead of a tough open-

ing match against hosts West Germany in the championship on Friday.

Italy's Gianluca Vialli, Giuseppe Giannini and Roberto Mancini made a formidable trio up front in the first half, piercing the wall of yellow Welsh shirts with a series of crosses and passes.

But time and again they failed to finish, hitting the post or going wide, while cool and efficient goalkeeping by Andy Norman frustrated their better efforts.

Manager Azeglio Vicini brought on World Cup veteran Alessandro Altobelli and Luigi de Agostini of Juventus in the second half, in place of Vialli and defender Paolo Maldini, to try to inject enthusiasm into the dispirited Italians.

Inspired

But Wales were now the more inspired side and captain Rush, playing closely with Mark Hughes, almost scored again in the 48th and 55th minutes.

As the 23,000 fans packed into the stadium urged Italy on, Altobelli hit the crossbar with a header in the 64th minute. One minute later Roberto Donadoni

looked certain to score but hit the post and as Italy tried again Mancini went just wide.

Italy failed to find the winning touch despite two corners in the last five minutes and the match ended with a show of bad temper when Zenga hit out with his fists at Clayton Blackmore after a tussle off the ball.

Donadoni was given eight stitches in his face after falling on his head from the boot of Hodges 10 minutes from the final whistle.

He also injured his nose and stumbled off the pitch with his hands in his head but doctors said they hoped the 24-year-old midfielder would recover in time to play in West Germany.

Teams:

Italy — Zenga, Bergomi, Maldini (De Agostini 57th), Baresi, Ferri, Ancelotti, Donadoni (Rizzitelli 70th), De Napoli, Vialli (Altobelli 45th), Giannini, Mancini.

Wales — Norman, Hall, Blackmore, Williams (Saunders 75th), Aizlewood, Van den Hauwe, Slater, Horne (Hodges 61st), Rush, Hughes, Davies.

Yugoslavs hold West Germans

BREMEN, West Germany, June 5. (Reuters): A West German side bereft of creativity and cohesion had to come from behind to salvage a 1-1 draw at home to Yugoslavia in a friendly soccer international yesterday.

But it was a performance of such ineptitude that alarm bells must now be sounding in coach Franz Beckenbauer's camp less than a week before the hosts and favourites take on Italy at the start of the European championships.

Credit

Few of the Germans, who were all warned they had to fight for places, did themselves credit, although Dieter Eckstein, brought on at half-time in place of a static Rudi Voeller, infused some life in the second half.

Libero Matthias Herget was as dependable as ever at the back and captain Lothar Matthaus never stopped running, scoring the equaliser in the 65th minute with a neat solo effort.

But there were no ideas in the middle of the field and the men up front squandered what chances they had.

The Yugoslavs took the lead after 14 minutes from a free kick by Mirsad Baljic just outside the penalty area which hit the post and bounced off goalkeeper Eike Immel into the net.

The visitors, who failed to



Matthaus: got the equaliser

qualify for the championships, defended in depth while creating several opportunities in counter-attacks. Midfielders Hris Skoro and Mehmed Bazdarevic were especially impressive.

The Germans could have

levelled the score either side of half-time through Juergen Klinsmann and Eckstein. Both efforts were smothered by goalkeeper Vladan Radacka.

The equaliser eventually came when Matthaus rounded two

defenders to slot home a shot low into the right-hand corner. The goal gave West Germany fresh heart and Eckstein and Andreas Brehme both had chances in the closing minutes.

A sparse crowd of 13,000 whistled the home nation off the park after 90 minutes that were as grey as the drizzly Bremen evening.

A subdued Beckenbauer told reporters he was not too unhappy with the performance: "We've made some progress," he said. But his criticised midfielder Olaf Thon, who had a nightmare of a first half, and defender Thomas Berthold, whose foul led to the visitors' goal, "Such mistakes are absolutely fatal," he warned.

Teams:

West Germany — Eike Immel, Matthias Herget, Thomas Berthold (Hans Dorfner 31st minute), Juergen Kohler, Uli Borowka, Andreas Brehme, Lothar Matthaus, Olaf Thon (Frank Mill 45), Wolfgang Rulff, Juergen Klinsmann, Rudi Voeller (Dieter Eckstein 45).

Yugoslavia — Vladan Radacka, Zoran Vubic, Mirsad Baljic, Snecko-Katanec, Faruk Hadzibegic, Miodrag Krivokapic, Hris Skoro, Dragoljub Brnovic, Radmilo Mihaljevic (Zvonimir Boban 83), Mehmed Bazdarevic, Vladislav Djukic (Goran Miljanovic 88).

England suffer a double blow

SYDNEY, June 5. (Reuters): England's Rugby Union reputation suffered two ignominious blows today as they crashed to a 23-12 defeat by New South Wales and were condemned for their part in an ugly incident at the end of the match.

The defeat, by three tries to nil, left England's hopes of salvaging the Test series against Australia next week in mortal danger.

Scorred

But the focus of attention was a violent incident in the dying seconds of the match that left New South Wales prop Peter Kay bloodied and scarred and led to skirmishes in front of the main grandstand after the final whistle.

Kay alleged England prop Gareth Chilcott stamped on his head as the final scrum broke up. "At the last scrum when I was on the ground he jumped into me about five times — he was stomping," said Kay, nursing a gash over his right eye, a torn ear lobe and grazes.

"I was stuck on the ground and couldn't move. He didn't have the guts to have a go at me when I was on my feet — he waited until I was on the ground."

"Then he wanted to shake hands with me."

More than 7,000 spectators were stunned to silence as a skirmish broke out involving Kay and a couple of the English players as the teams left the ground.

Instead of handshakes, punches were thrown and referee Kerry Fitzgerald resorted to blowing his whistle to break up the melee.

Chilcott said: "I can't comment on the scrum, but I had to duck and weave his (Kay's) punch when I went up to shake his hand at the end of the game."

There had been some isolated flare-ups during the game but no-

one was more upset over the distressing finale than New South Wales skipper Simon Poidevin, holder of a record 47 Test caps.

"It's not good for the game," said a grim Poidevin in the dressing room later. "I think the English management should take action to make sure it doesn't happen again."

England team manager Geoff Cooke said he had not seen what had happened. "I can't comment on something I just did not see," he said.

Efforts

Apart from an early flourish England were comprehensively outplayed in every facet of the game and all they had to show for their efforts were four penalty goals from the boot of fullback Jonathan Webb.

The forwards lacked drive and all semblance of control in the loose while the backs seemed devoid of attacking ideas in the muddy conditions.

France run in six tries

BUENOS AIRES, June 5. (Reuters): France shrugged off the spirited challenge of Argentine champions San Isidro Club to score six tries on the way to a 29-16 victory in their opening Rugby Union tour match yesterday.

But San Isidro proved to be no pushovers, running in two tries in the last three minutes to frenzied cheers from the 15,000 crowd at the Velez Sarsfield soccer ground.

The home side kept France in their own territory for the opening 20 minutes of the second half after a tight first 40 minutes in which two penalties by Rafael Madero kept them within five points of the World Cup runners-up and joint Five Nations champions.

But strong French defence kept out the San Isidro forwards, who held their own in scrums and loose play but were outclassed in the line-outs.



Davis: five for 94



Bailey: unbeaten 58

Davis and Bailey shine for Northants

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): Pacesman Winston Davis, not required by the West Indies for their England cricket tour, took five for 94 yesterday as Northamptonshire dismissed Somerset for 215 on the first day of their three-day county cricket championship match.

At the close Northamptonshire were 129 for three in reply with the free-scoring Robert Bailey unbeaten on 58.

Davis, whose importance to Northamptonshire has increased significantly now that veteran Australian pace bowler Dennis Lillee is sidelined for two months through injury, made full use of the well-grassed pitch at Taunton.

Reduced

In partnership with medium-pace Duncan Wild, who finished with three for 38, Davis reduced Somerset to 92 for five.

But Australian Test batsman Steve Waugh (37) and Julian Wyatt (30) added 58 in 21 overs, then acting captain Vic Mark cracked 43 in 63 balls to help the home side restore some respectability to the innings.

At Harrogate, Surrey shrugged off the absence through injury of their West Indian pacesman Sylvester Clarke and Tony Gray to sent Yorkshire tumbling to 103 for seven.

England seek to prevent defeat in first Test

LONDON, June 5. (Reuters): England, whose brightest hopes in years of winning a cricket Test against West Indies seemed justified on Thursday, now seem resigned to trying to prevent an 11th successive defeat.

Captain Mike Gatting criticised his team's application over the first three days and admitted: "I doubt if we can win it from here — but then it's a funny game."

"It is difficult to know what to do when Viv Richards is in this sort of destructive mood."

West Indies resume tomorrow after the rest day at 264 for four, 19 ahead of England's first innings total. Skipper Richards, who struck a superb 80 yesterday, said that he would be looking for a lead of about 150.

Appears

"Then we can just hope that the pitch keeps playing a few tricks," he added. "There appears to be some genuine out there doing things. You can't see any particular marks on it, but a few balls are just exploding."

A stand of 125 on Thursday by openers Graham Gooch and Chris Broad raised England's hopes breaking a sequence of 13 Tests without a win — their last was against Australia in 1986 — and posting only their second Test win over West Indies in 24 matches.

But once Malcolm Marshall had brought an unpredictable pitch to life with a six for 69 return and Richards had ripped into the bowlers, England's chances seemed to rest with the weather that has already prevented some five hours' play.



Gatting: criticises team

"The last few days have given us a lot of confidence. I don't suppose England will be sleeping soundly knowing there is that little genie in the pitch doing the odd thing when you least expect it," Richards said.

Gatting was less critical of his inexperienced bowlers than of England's batting collapse when they lost their last five wickets on Friday morning for only 25 runs. "I think we could have knuckled down a bit better with the bat," he said.

Over the three days the West Indies have bowled fewer bad balls than us, played fewer loose shots and our fielding could have been better."

Gatting's bowling options were limited by Graham Dilley's apparent inability to find the swing that Marshall had conjured up and by the vulnerability of off-spinner John Emburey, who conceded 62 runs in seven overs.

DeLoach runs year's fastest 100 metres

EUGENE, Oregon, June 5. (Reuters): Jim DeLoach ran the 100 metres in 10.03 seconds, the fastest over the distance in the world this year, at the US National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships yesterday.

DeLoach, one of Carl Lewis's training partners, stunned defending champion Raymond Stewart of Jamaica as he improved his personal best by an impressive 18-hundredths of a second. The performance wrested the 1988 world lead from Lewis, who has run 10.05 this season.

Overtake

Stewart, the World Championships bronze medalist, closed on the quick-starting DeLoach about 60 metres into the race but could not overtake him and finished second in 10.10.

Other highlights of the final day of the collegiate championships included Danny Everett's time of 44.52 seconds in the 400 metres, a high of 2.33 metres by fellow-American Tom Smith and Gail Devers' wind-aided 100 metres of 10.86 seconds.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Orioles overcome Yankees

NEW YORK, June 5. (AP): A throwing error by third baseman Mike Pagliarulo on Cal Ripken's grounder in the 14th inning with two outs and the bases loaded scored three runs as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the New York Yankees 7-6 last night.

The game, which lasted 5 hours and 46 minutes, was the longest in the Major Leagues this season and was the first Baltimore win this season against an East Division team after 13 losses.

In other American League games, it was Toronto 10, Boston 2; Chicago 10, Texas 8; Detroit 5, Cleveland 2; Kansas City 4, Seattle 3; Oakland 6, Minnesota 4; and Milwaukee 1, California 0.

Doug Sisk, 2-2, the fourth Baltimore pitcher, was the winner despite allowing two runs in the top of the 14th.

On a 3-2 pitch from Cecilio Guante, Ripken lined the ball to Pagliarulo, who made a diving stop but threw wildly past first baseman Gary Ward, scoring all three runners.

Rickey Henderson stole his Major League-leading 40th base. Blue Jays 10, Red Sox 2.

Jim Clancy shut out Boston for 7 2-3 innings and Kelly Gruber hit a three-run homer in Toronto's seven-run ninth as the Blue Jays beat the Red Sox 10-2.

Roger Clemens, 9-3, struck out nine and allowed four hits and one unearned run in seven innings. He dropped his League-leading era to 1.78 and increased his strikeout total to a Major League-leading 125.

White Sox 10, Rangers 8.

Gary Redus hit his second Grand Slam of the week to cap a six-run ninth-inning rally as Chicago White defeated Texas. The White Sox trailed 8-4 entering the ninth. Ivan Calderon led off with his 13th homer against Mitch Williams and Greg Walker and Dave Gallagher followed with singles. Pinch-hitter Donnie Hill walked to load the bases. After Ozzie Guillen fouled out to the catcher, Mike Woodard hit an RBI single and Redus followed with his homer. Tigers 5, Indians 2.

Doyle Alexander pitched a five-hitter and Pat Sheridan homered and drove in two runs to lead Detroit past Cleveland. Tom Candiotti, now 6-4, was the losing pitcher.

Royals 4, Mariners 3.

Willie Wilson's RBI single capped a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth as Kansas City defeated Seattle. Losing pitcher Mark Langston, 5-5, struck out seven to raise his total to 102, second in the League to Boston's Roger Clemens.

Athletics 6, Twins 4.

Ron Hassey's run-scoring single and Don Baylor's three-run homer highlighted a four-run eighth inning the Athletics beat Minnesota. Storm Davis, 5-2, allowed eight hits and one run in seven innings.

Brewers 1, Angels 0.

Replacement Ernest Riles broke up Dan Petry's perfect game with a home run in the sixth and Teddy Higuera pitched a three-hitter as Milwaukee Brewers defeated California.

Kevin McReynolds homered leading off the bottom of the 13th inning yesterday as the Mets won their fifth consecutive extra-inning game.

In other National League games, Cincinnati beat Los Angeles 5-2, San Francisco downed Houston 8-2, Louisville pounded Philadelphia 8-1, Montreal beat Pittsburgh 7-3 and San Diego beat Atlanta 6-5.

The Mets' Jeff Innis, 1-1, pitched two innings for his first Major League victory. Mike Capel, 1-1, took the loss.

Chicago, trailed 3-0 but scored each in the eighth and ninth, taking the lead on Manny Trillo's two-run single. But Gary Carter retired the game with a run-scoring single in the bottom of the ninth. Each team scored an unearned run in the 11th.

Reds 5, Dodgers 2.

Paul O'Neill's three-run homer with two outs in the top of the ninth gave the Cincinnati Reds a 5-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Barry Larkin led off with a single off Orel Hersher, 7-3. One out later, Kal Daniels grounded two first baseman Mike Marshall, who touched first, then threw late to second in an attempt to get Larkin. After Hersher hit Eric Davis in the helmet with a pitch, O'Neill drove his third homer of the season over the 360-foot sign in right field.

Giants 8, Astros 2.

Mike Aldrete's two-run homer in the fourth inning and Matt Williams' Grand Slam in a six-run fifth led San Francisco past Houston. Nolan Ryan, 5-3, struck out 10 batters for the 177th time in his career but also allowed both homers.

Britain rout S. Korea for crown

IPOH, Malaysia, June 5. (Reuters): Britain thrashed Asian Games champions South Korea 4-0 today to win the six-nation hockey tournament here.

The Koreans, jaded after their semifinal win on penalties against Pakistan yesterday, were no match for the ebullient British, who produced their best hockey of the tournament despite sweltering heat.

Britain took the lead after only six minutes following a penalty corner. Korean goalkeeper Song Seok-Chan deflected a shot into the path of Martin Grimley who passed to Sean Kerly. Kerly scored from close range.

The British went 2-0 up in the 13th minute following another penalty corner. Paul Barber collected a rebound off the Korean goalkeeper and made no mistake from a few metres.

Calmly

A rampant Britain tied up the match 14 minutes after Barber set up Kerly with a fine through pass and Kerly calmly notched his second goal.

South Korea won four penalty corners in the second half but British goalkeeper Ian Taylor produced a string of fine saves. Barber scored Britain's fourth after 58 minutes following another penalty corner.

British team manager Roger Self was delighted with his players' performance but acknowledged that they were fresher than the Koreans.

"We had the advantage of a rest day before the final and this was a major factor," he said.

Earlier Pakistan clinched third place with a 2-1 win over the Soviet Union. Hosts Malaysia finished last, losing 2-1 to India.

Waitz strikes path for Seoul with victory

STOCKHOLM, June 5. (Reuters): Former world champion and world record holder Grete Waitz set out on the road to the Seoul Olympics when she won the Stockholm women's marathon by a margin of nearly 14 minutes yesterday.

Norway's Waitz had not been expected to compete in Seoul this year after being unable to defend her world title in Rome last September because of a broken foot.

She said then she did not expect to be good enough for Seoul but her time yesterday of two hours, 28 minutes and 24 seconds was more than four minutes inside the target for Olympic qualification set by Norwegian athletics officials.

Ahead

Another veteran, Suleiman Nyambui of Tanzania, won the men's marathon, 34 seconds ahead of Brazilian Jose da Silva.

Nyambui, who won the 5,000 metres silver medal at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, clocked 2:14:26 in the light drizzle.

Behind the top two, who led for most of the race, Soren Hellmark won a three-man battle to become Sweden's new national champion.

The second-fastest woman of the 11,300 runners was Swede Jutta Pedersen who clocked 2:42:11.

Libya triumphs

TUNIS, June 5. (Reuters): Libya beat Burkina Faso 3-0 (halftime 1-0) in Tripoli yesterday in a World Cup African zone first-round first-leg qualifying match, the Tunisian news agency TAP reported.

Raft race organisers setting date for next year's event



The MBH Microlite team before they discovered that one of the drums on their raft was taking in water.

By Jadranka Porter

MESSILAH Beach Hotel, organisers of the Kuwait Second Raft Race which took place on Friday, were yesterday setting the date for the event next year.

The urgency to put the event on next year's list of activities stems from the successful handling of the competition on Friday, when close to 40 rafts and more than 5,000 spectators gathered to participate and cheer.

It is also the result of a craving by several teams, including the Messilah Beach Hotel Microlites, for an early opportunity to wrest the winning cup from the champions, the Hash House Harriers.

It was with the mixture of irritation and relief that the Microlite team discovered yesterday that one of the drums they had been riding on leaked during the competition and was full of water, according to Malcolm Walker of the Messilah Beach Hotel and the captain of the raft. Irritation because this problem contributed to the team's poor

placing — they came second in the race for 11 men's rafts that did not make the cup final. Relief because they could finally explain why their raft was so slow despite the very encouraging results in the practice runs.

Not only did the water in the drum add to the total weight but it also affected the balance of the raft forcing half of the team to paddle much harder than their mates if they were to keep the raft in line, said Walker.

Prior to the race the Microlite rafters took pride in their raft which was constructed of oil drums and light bamboo poles with enough space between the two sets of drums to allow the rafters to row on both sides.

Constructed

The Hash House Harriers contributed much of their success to their well constructed raft especially its bow. Theirs was also one of the only two rafts with a rudder.

The Harriers, who unlike many other competitors paddled with well co-ordinated strokes, are expected to be formidable opponents to any team with an eye on the winning cup.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Spanish soccer

MADRID, June 5, (Reuters): Real Oviedo won promotion to the Spanish Soccer League's First Division today when they drew the second leg of a relegation playoff with Real Mallorca 0-0 to win 2-1 on aggregate.

Oviedo go up after 13 seasons in the second while Real Mallorca are relegated after only two years in the First Division.

America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, June 5, (Reuters): Skipper Dennis Conner today said at the christening of the catamaran Stars and Stripes, in which he hopes to defend the America's Cup, that he wants to get yachting's most prestigious event out of the courts and into the water.

Edberg wins

MANCHESTER, England, June 5, (Reuters): Sweden's Stefan Edberg repeated his 1987 victory in the Manchester grass-court tennis tournament to the letter today when he defeated American Kevin Curren 6-3 6-4 in the men's final.

Cycle race

BORMIO, Italy, June 5, (Reuters): Andy Hampsten of the United States struggled through driving snow and freezing cold today to take the lead in the Giro d'Italia cycle race after a 14th stage that left other riders broken and in tears.

Milk Race

LLANUDNO, Wales, June 5, (AP): Soviet cyclist Vassily Zhadanov became the first rider to win two rounds of the 1988 Milk Race yesterday, when he sprinted to victory in the sixth stage.

French Derby

CHANTILLY, June 5, (Reuters): Hours after the horse trainer Patrick Biancone never lost faith in, won the Prix Du Jockey Club, the French Derby, today.

Daley Thompson

DERBY, England, June 5, (AP): Olympic decathlon champion Daley Thompson disappointed a 3,000-strong crowd yesterday when he failed to appear in the pole vault competition at the HFC UK Bank Championships.

E. German Cup

EAST BERLIN, June 5, (Reuters): Dynamo Berlin, soccer league champions for the 10th season on the trot, clinched the double for the first time yesterday when they won the East German Cup final with two goals in extra time against Carl Zeiss Jena.

Swiss draw

BASLE, Switzerland, June 5, (Reuters): Switzerland and Spain drew (1-1) half-time (0-1) in a soccer international here yesterday. Scores: Switzerland—Beat Suter (62nd min) Spain—Andrius (44th).

Nations Cup

HICKSTEAD, England, June 5, (Reuters): Result of the Nations Cup showjumping event here today: 1. France 9-1/2 faults, 2. Netherlands 12, 3. Britain 16, 4. Ireland 24, 5. West Germany 24, 6. Italy 36-1/2.

Toledo Classic

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 5, (Reuters): Nancy Lopez shot a three-under-par 69 yesterday to retain her one stroke lead over Britain's Laura Davies after three rounds of the \$275,000 Jamie Farr Toledo Classic golf tournament.

Title fight

OSAKA, Japan, June 5, (Reuters): World Boxing Council (WBC) strawweight champion Hiroki Ioka of Japan made his second successful defence of the title when he drew with Thai challenger Napa Kiatwanchai in a 12-round bout today.

Kirin Cup

TOKYO, June 5, (AP): West Germany's Bayer 04 Leverkusen, winner of the UEFA Cup, blanked the Japanese national team 1-0 today in the Kirin Cup soccer tournament, while Flamengo of Brazil tied the Chinese national team 1-1. Bayer and Flamengo are to meet in the tournament's final match at Tokyo's National Stadium on Tuesday.

Triple jump

JENA, East Germany, June 5, (Reuters): Veteran Soviet triple jumper Gennadiy Valyukovich set the best mark of the season so far with a 17.44 metre effort at an East German athletics meeting yesterday.

French soccer

PARIS, June 5, (Reuters): Monaco won their fifth French League soccer title yesterday by six points from arch-rivals Bordeaux, despite losing 2-0 to hosts Marseille.

NAVRAILOVA WINS FRENCH OPEN DOUBLES FOR 50TH GRAND SLAM TITLE

Wilander routs Leconte for singles crown

PARIS, June 5, (Reuters): Mats Wilander of Sweden took his third French Open men's singles title today with a surprisingly easy straight sets victory over Henri Leconte of France.

Wilander, playing virtually faultless tennis to wrap up a 7-5 6-2 6-1 win in one hour and 52 minutes, took complete control after an early flurry of service breaks gave the Frenchman a chance to serve for the first set at 5-4.

With the 16,500-strong crowd fervently hoping for a repeat of the 1983 final when Wilander lost to popular favourite Yannick Noah of France, Leconte appeared to crack under the pressure.

"It was very important for Henri to win the first set," Wilander said. "He looked like he felt a lot of pressure. He needed to relax—I think he got very tense."

Previous

Wilander, who also has three Australian Open titles, has now won the French Open three times, at three-year intervals. His previous victories came in 1982 and 1985.

At the young age of 23, he has now won six Grand Slam titles—as many as world number one Ivan Lendl and only one fewer than John McEnroe.

Leconte, who played well in a highly entertaining first set, said: "I'm very disappointed. I couldn't play the game I'd like to have played. It was Mats who made me play bad—that's the strength of his game."

But Leconte won a cheer from the crowd when he picked up his loser's trophy and said: "I'll be back next year—and I'll win."

The ease and swiftness of the match invited comparisons with yesterday's women's final when



Navratilova: won her 50th Grand Slam crown.

West German world number one Steffi Graf crushed Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva 6-0 6-0 in just 34 minutes.

After accepting his cup, Wilander said: "I know Steffi Graf said she was sorry it was short. I'm not sorry at all, I'm very happy."

Wilander said he had been too defensive in the early stages of the match but had turned the game decisively in his favour when he elected to attack more.

From that point Leconte was unable to find his usual array of winners and his shots were landing all too predictably in the net or way beyond the baseline.

His only real resistance by the end was to save three match points, two at 5-0 down in the third set and one in the final game.

Wilander had started with the clear intention of attacking Leconte's more vulnerable backhand.

But the Frenchman, playing his usual aggressive game, made the first break to lead 3-1. Wilander came back, winning three

games in a row for the loss of just three points. But in the ninth game the Frenchman broke to love to serve for the set at 5-4.

Wilander broke serve after Leconte double-faulted to give him two break points. The Swede then held serve and broke again to 3-0 to take the set.

As the second set opened Wilander, using the experience of 10 Grand Slam finals, began to take charge completely.

He broke to love in the second game and then held serve to win his sixth successive game and take a 3-0 lead.

Leconte, probably bothered by gusting winds, was misfiring badly and was clearly finding it difficult to cope with the Swede's persistent accuracy and virtually error-free play.

The Frenchman got a big cheer when he held a service game to come back to 3-1 but he was soon in trouble when serving to save the set at 5-2.

Wilander broke to love to take the set 6-2 in 33 minutes, winning



Wilander holds aloft the winner's trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

on the first set point with a brilliant cross-court backhand which landed right on the line.

Leconte's misery continued in the third set when he lost his opening service game on a double fault to go 2-0 behind. He picked up a meagre two points in

the next three games and was soon serving to save the match at 5-0 down.

The crowd, which had seemed to be losing interest in his chances of salvaging any pride, suddenly got behind him again as he saved two match points in that game,

the first with a smash after a deep forehand approach and the second with a service winner.

Though Wilander eventually lost that game, he swiftly gave himself three more match points at 40-0. Leconte saved the first with a good return which Wilander could only put into the net.

But a long forehand on the next point wrapped up the match for the Swede, who like Graf has now won the first two Grand Slam events of the year, the Australian and French Opens.

Meanwhile, Martina Navratilova won her 50th Grand Slam championship today, teaming with Pam Shriver to take the women's doubles.

Navratilova and Shriver, regular doubles partners since January 1981, beat Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany 6-2, 7-5.

Fifth

Navratilova's championship record includes 17 singles, 28 women's doubles and five mixed doubles. She and Shriver have won 19 Grand Slam doubles titles together, including a sweep of the four Grand Slam tournaments—Wimbledon and the French, US and Australian Opens—in 1984.

Today's victory was the fifth Open women's doubles title in a row for the 31-year-old American. She won with Shriver in 1984-85-87, and with Andrea Temesvari in 1986.

After losses in the women's singles in the fourth round and the mixed doubles in the semifinals, today's victory kept another streak going for Navratilova.

She has won at least one title in every Grand Slam tournament since the Australian Open in 1980, a string of 30 events.

Lyle triumphs in British Masters

WOBURN, England, June 5, (Reuters): Sandy Lyle became a prize-money millionaire on both sides of the Atlantic after surviving two early self-inflicted wounds to coast to victory in the British Masters golf championship today.

Lyle's two-shot triumph after a closing 71 for a 15-under-par total of 273 also secured a remarkable Masters in dramatic fashion in April and took the German tournament last year.

Defending champion Mark McNulty of Zimbabwe finished well to earn a share of second place with reigning British Open champion Nick Faldo on 275.

McNulty birdied the last four holes to come home in 31 for a seven-under-par round of 65 while Briton Faldo carded a 69. Fourth spot one stroke further back went to Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain, who closed with a 68.

Lyle's success today made him the first to win more than £1 million on the European Tour. He collected £41,660 (\$74,570) here to take his career prize money in Europe to £1,034,088 (\$1,851,000).

Lyle's three US Tour victories



Lyle drives off the second tee in the last round. (Reuters wirephoto)

this year have already pushed him past the million-dollar mark in lifetime earnings on the other side of the Atlantic. He currently

tops this year's US money list and has won a career total \$1,078,521.

He also improved on another

remarkable statistic—at the British Masters. This was the 12th time in 13 tournaments Lyle has won after leading into the final round—a superb record of front-running.

Though the margin of victory today was only two shots, the result became virtually a formality after Lyle and playing partner Faldo played the 11th hole.

Lyle had bogeyed the third and double-bogeyed the sixth to see his overnight four-shot lead over Faldo dwindle to one stroke. But three successive birdies from the eighth followed by a Faldo bogey at the 11th put Lyle five shots clear from there defeat was inconceivable.

Blasted

Lyle stopped the rot in his round with his seven iron, the same club that effectively won him the US Masters title.

At Augusta, he blasted out of a fairway bunker onto the final green to set up the 10-foot birdie putt for his win. Here he launched his ball to within 12 inches of the 177-yard eighth for the first in his string of birdies. Earlier he struck a nine-iron tee shot to two feet for a birdie at the second.

Global bridge

PARIS, June 5, (AP): A pair of Pennsylvania women overcame a challenge from the Soviet Union this weekend to win the largest, global bridge game ever played, the World Bridge Federation announced today.

Jan Horowitz and Barbara Norvante of Butler, Pennsylvania, won the bridge contest, beating 84,356 rivals who played simultaneously in 94 countries beginning at 8 pm local time Friday and ending yesterday morning.

Hearns-Barkley fight heads triple title bill

LAS VEGAS, June 5, (Reuters): Thomas Hearns, the only man to win world championships at four different weights, is determined to prove his career is not yet over when he defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight title against Iran Barkley.

Hearns and hard-hitting fellow-American Barkley head a triple world title bill at the Las Vegas Hilton tomorrow night.

On the undercard, unbeaten American Virgil Hill, a strong bet for reviving a lacklustre lightweight division, will defend his world Boxing Association (WBA) title against Ramzi Hassan of Jordan and WBC super-lightweight champion Roger Mayweather takes on fellow-American Harold Brazier.

Hearns, who has a record of 45-2 with 38 victories inside the distance, says he is concentrating on Barkley, but it is clear the two losses still rankle.

Hearns thinks the defeats by Sugar Ray Leonard in 1981 and Marvelous Marvin Hagler in 1985 have deprived him of the respect he feels he deserves.

"They need me if they want the big money," says Hearns. "But I'm keeping my attention on Barkley. I expect a tough fight, and I'm not ready to give up the title. I'm not going out in defeat."

Manager-trainer Emanuel Steward, who has said Hearns may not have too many fights left in his 29-year-old legs, was careful not to underestimate the challenger.

"Barkley may not be the most skilful fighter, but he's dangerous. He's got a lot of guts and a big punch, and that's the kind

of fighter we fear the most." Barkley, 28, is known for the relentless pressure he puts on his opponents. He has no qualms about taking punches in order to get inside, a style that could leave him vulnerable to Hearns' counter-punching.

"My plan is to seek and destroy. He won't last," said Barkley, who missed his first chance to capture a middleweight title last October when he lost a 15-round decision to Zaire-born Italian Sumbu Kalambay. Barkley has a record of 24-4 with 15 wins inside the distance.

Punch

Hill, a silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics, is considered a solid favourite to retain his title against Hassan, a rugged fighter without a big punch.

Hill has a record of 21-0 with 14 knockouts and has shown steady improvement with each fight.

Galaxy score surprise victory

GALAXY Cricket Club (formerly Old Boys Club) scored an upset nine-run victory over Morning Star as the KCL Summer League got underway at the Sabah Al Salem ground on Friday.

Galaxy skipper Ghulam Haider opted to bat after winning the toss and his openers, Ashraf Rana and Riaz Chaudhry, responded to this decision by putting on 60 runs in the first eight overs before the latter was bowled by Rashid Ansari for 19.

This breakthrough failed to bring any relief to Morning Star as Ashraf Rana developed a liking for their bowling and hit them all over the field.

Ashraf and Dawood Baig added 58 for the second wicket in 6.3 overs before Ashraf was out for 68. Ashraf hammered a six and seven fours in his innings.

Ghulam Haider started his innings with a six off Anjum Raza over the mid-wicket. Ghulam Haider and Dawood kept the scoreboard moving took the score to 151 for the loss of three wickets in the 17 allotted overs.

Dawood was out after scoring 35 but Haider went on to 27 runs including a six off the last ball. Haider's runs came off only 10 balls.

Anjum Raza took two wickets for 52 runs off five overs. Morning Star, needing nearly

Lakers beat Mavericks for finals

LOS ANGELES, June 5, (Reuters): James Worthy scored 14 of his 28 points in the decisive third quarter yesterday to lead the Los Angeles Lakers into the National Basketball Association finals for the seventh time in nine years.

Los Angeles soundly defeated the Dallas Mavericks 117-102 in the seventh game of their best-of-seven Western Conference finals. The Lakers won all four games on their home court as the Mavericks' post-season record at the Los Angeles Forum dropped to 0-10.

Defend

The Lakers will face the Eastern Conference champion Detroit Pistons in the best-of-seven NBA championship series beginning on June 7, as Los Angeles attempts to become the first team to successfully defend their title since the Boston Celtics in 1969.

The Mavericks refused to allow the fast-breaking Lakers to build a large early lead and had erased an eight-point deficit by the end of the first quarter.

At the half, Dallas were still holding their own and trailed by just one point, 54-53.

Worthy's inspired play broke the game open in the third quarter and although Dallas pulled back to within four points with 10 minutes 37 seconds left in the game, Los Angeles reeled off seven straight points to build the lead back to 11.

The Lakers, who will be looking for their sixth championship and fifth of the decade, finished the Mavericks off by ending the game with a 15-6 burst.

Mark Aguirre led Dallas with 24 points. Ervin "Magic" Johnson added 23 points, nine rebounds and 11 assists to the Los Angeles attack.

"It's going to be a lot of fun playing (Pistons' star) Isiah (Thomas) in Detroit and going home to Michigan," said the delighted Johnson, who led Michigan state to a National Collegiate Championship before starring with the Lakers.

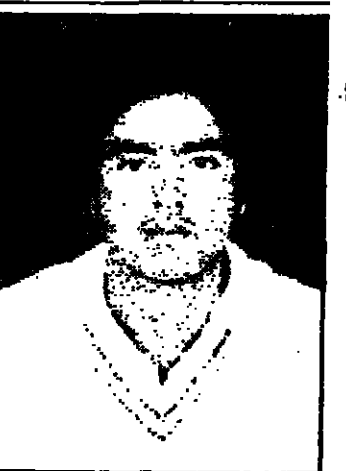
English seek rule change

LONDON, June 5, (Reuters): English cricketers are being urged this week to help cut to one the number of overseas players a county can register.

Letters are going out from the Cricketers' Association, the Players' Union, to all its members in an effort to put pressure on the Test and County Cricket Board to change the rule when it meets in August.

At present counties can register as many non-English players as they wish—Northamptonshire have four—although only one can play at any one time.

The association estimates counties spend more than £200,000 (\$355,000) each year on back-up overseas players, to the detriment of young English talent.



Ashraf: scored 68

nine runs per over for victory, opened their innings through Asad Baig and Amjad Malik to the bowling of Riaz Mian and Ghulam Haider.

Asad was out for 10 and next man Afroz was run out for two. Rashid Ansari and Amjad Malik went for quick runs but the former was leg before to Dawood Baig for 58. Ansari hit a six and eight fours.

When the 17 allotted overs were completed, Morning Star had managed to score only 142 for the loss of four wickets.

Praise

For Galaxy, Saifraz, Dawood Baig and Abdul Wahed took a wicket each. Tarique Ingal won praise for his brilliant fielding.

The Summer League is being sponsored and organised by Sajid A. Rizvi and a total of eight teams are taking part in the event.

On Friday, Galaxy meet Bright Stars while Lanka Lions are to provide the umpires for the game. The match starts at 5.30 am.

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